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## OFFICIAL VATICAN DENIAL

LONDON, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Sensational reports are published by papers in London and New York that an eleven-point peace plan by Hitler was behind the recent discussions at Brenner Pass.

It is stated that this information has been obtained from a Vatican source but the Vatican officially denied the statement.

It is authoritatively stated in London that there is no knowledge at all of any peace plan. No such plan has been prepared, produced or put forward in any way.

The idea that Mr. Sumner Welles had brought peace terms from Berlin to London and Paris was also scouted.

## Finnish Government To Resign En Bloc

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The Dagbladet reports that the Finnish Government will resign en bloc after the final ratification of the Finnish-Soviet Treaty in Moscow this week.

A FREE HAND  
COPENHAGEN, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The Stockholm correspondent of the newspaper BT says that no dissatisfaction or disagreement is behind the decision which is only because the Prime Minister wishes to give the President a free hand when the ratification documents have been exchanged with Moscow.

M. Voionmaa and M. Paasikivi, the Finnish delegates to the peace talks, left Stockholm for Moscow this morning for this purpose.

## OVER 15,000 VESSELS CONVOYED BY ALLIED NAVIES WITH LOSS OF ONLY ABOUT ONE IN 500

LONDON, MAR. 19 (REUTER)—THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCE THAT DURING THE WEEK ENDING MIDNIGHT, MAR. 17, NINE BRITISH, ALLIED AND NEUTRAL SHIPS WERE LOST AS THE RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION, REPRESENTING A TOTAL OF 23,992 TONS

Three ships were British, of 5,499 tons, two French, of 3,172 tons, and four neutral, of 15,321 tons. None of the ships were in convoy.

The total tonnage lost was well below the average for the 28 weeks since hostilities began. The majority of the casualties were due to illegal mines.

Only four ships have been sunk by U-boats since Feb. 24, and the Admiralty adds: "Those are the U-boats which may have escaped destruction."

"Up to Mar. 13, 28 ships had been lost in convoy, out of a total of 12,816 belonging to Britain, Allied and neutral countries, escorted in British convoys. Only two neutral ships had been lost, out of a 1,614 convoyed."

The French Minister for Naval Affairs recently announced that more than 2,000 ships had also been convoyed by the French Navy with a loss of only four vessels.

Thus, more than 15,000 ships had been convoyed by the Allied navies with a loss of only about one in 500.

The British vessels lost were the trawler Halifax (165 tons), Melrose (1,589) and Gardania (3,745).

"FANTASTIC STATEMENTS"  
An Admiralty announcement says: "Fantastic and untrue statements of British losses at sea are constantly being made by the enemy, very often to obtain information."

A statement, containing a full list of all British, allied and neutral merchant marine losses due to enemy action, is issued weekly by the Admiralty and this statement is the British answer to all such German claims.

It is also the policy of the Admiralty to publish loss of His Majesty's ships as soon as the next of kin of the casualties have been informed.

GERMAN LOSSES  
The Germans lost three ships. In addition to the Hannover and the La Coruna, the Escherhelm, 3,303 tons, was reported, on March 13, wrecked off the coast of Jutland.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S WAR STATEMENT: "OUR POWER TO HELP FINLAND IS NOT AT AN END:" FULL EXPLANATION OF PLANS TO DESPATCH ALLIED FORCE

### Pandemonium In Tokyo Lower House

#### SPEAKER'S DAIS RUSHED

TOKYO, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—Pandemonium reigned in the Lower House this afternoon when Dr. Ichiro Kiyose, member of the Kokumin Domei, repeated his assertion of Feb. 6 that the expression of regret concerning the Asama Maru affairs, contained in exchange for the Japanese Government's concession that Japanese steamers would not carry Germans of military age.

Dr. Kiyose demanded a definite denial of his affirmation from the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita.

The Speaker of the House, Mr. Toshi Koyama (Minseito) said that this was at Mr. Arita's discretion and he need not reply whereupon the Rightist members shouted: "Answer, answer."

Mr. Oda, of the Social Mass Party, then rushed to the Speaker's dais and demanded that the Foreign Minister should reply. When the guards tried to eject Mr. Oda, members of his Party rushed to prevent it, while representatives of the Minseito Party rallied to protect the Speaker and a general free-for-all ensued.

### POLISH REFUGEES

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—Under the agreement between the German and Soviet Governments, 14,000 Polish refugees will shortly return from Soviet-occupied Poland to the German part, according to the Official News Agency. The return is part of the arrangement for the exchange of refugees.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister, was loudly cheered when he rose to make his statement on the war, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, says a Reuter message from London.



Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's special observer in Europe.

## MR. WELLES AND AXIS MEETING

In the course of his statement in the House of Commons yesterday, says Reuter, Mr. Chamberlain referred to the visit of Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's special European observer.

The Prime Minister said that the British Government was happy to welcome him and inform him fully and frankly of the views. He was confident that Mr. Welles was able to get the actual views and sentiments of all sections of the community and see for himself the unity of purpose with which they were all inspired.

When he returned to Italy, Mr. Welles found himself in the presence of a new event—the meeting of the two Dictators on the Brenner Pass. That meeting had neutrally given rise to many speculations as to its purpose.

Some thought it was for the purpose of elaborating on new peace proposals but Mr. Chamberlain said he did not know whether that was true or not.

"For aught I know, these two gentlemen may have spent their time discussing conditions under which an Italian ship was destroyed by a German mine."

"Whatever may be the outcome we are ready to meet it. We are not likely to be diverted from the purpose for which we entered this war," concluded Mr. Chamberlain.

## Oil By Sea To Germany

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—Asked in the House of Commons what steps are being taken to prevent passage across the Black Sea of oil destined for Germany by the Danube, Mr. R. H. Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, replied that, in the absence of any contraband control in the Black Sea, it is not possible to prevent the passage of oil by sea to Germany.

Under the Montreux Convention belligerent warships cannot pass through the Straits to the Black Sea.

Seated in the Diplomatic Gallery, besides Mr. Joseph Kennedy, U.S. Ambassador, who was next to M. Ivan Maisky, Soviet Envoy, were also present the Belgian, French, Chinese, Spanish, Turkish and Argentine Ambassadors, and Ministers from the smaller neutral countries and the Dominion High Commissioners.

IN HIS STATEMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER REFERRED AT THE OUTSET TO FINLAND AND SAID THAT NOTHING HAD HAPPENED TO MODIFY THE FIRST IMPRESSION THAT A GREAT TRAGEDY HAD OCCURRED. CONSIDERATION OF THE PEACE TERMS ONLY CONFIRMED THE VIEW THAT THEY WERE SUCH THAT COULD ONLY BE ACCEPTED UNDER DIRE COMPULSION.

"It is no use to pretend they do not gravely compromise the independence and integrity of that country," he remarked.

"It was a bitter thought, indeed, for all lovers of freedom that the prolonged and heroic defence of the Finns was, in the end, unable to withstand the overwhelming superiority in numbers and equipment of their foes. Their stand was not in vain (Cheers). They have preserved their honour and won the respect of the world (Cheers). Their Government still holds office and their Army is intact. There the spirit of their people is unbroken."

"If we, in this country, in spite of all that we did, were unable to save Finland from her fate, perhaps our power to help Finland is not yet at an end (Loud cheers)."

"We shall watch, with deepest sympathy, her efforts to rebuild her national life and if, as it seems almost certain, that further aid is required to help her to her feet, I know that this country, with others, will gladly take its share in the contribution to the regeneration of Finland."

"The collapse of the Finnish resistance caused a profound shock throughout the world. Once again, we are compelled to see another small State the victim of that aggression which we have taken up arms to resist."

GERMAN PROPAGANDA  
"It is only to be expected that German propaganda would exploit this event to remove responsibility (Cheers). Finland would never have been invaded but for the pact between Germany and the Soviet."

"It is only the German threats which terrified the Scandinavian countries into withholding help which might have saved her. "Any suggestion that this country and France, in any way, failed in their obligation to do their utmost to assist Finland in her need is one that cannot, for a moment, be maintained (Cheers) and, least of all, should such suggestion come from individuals in countries far away from the seat of war (Prolonged cheers) and who have never felt any anxiety for their friends, or themselves."

Mr. Chamberlain then said that he would deal with the assistance to Finland under two heads, namely, material and men.

MATERIAL AID  
In regard to material, he reminded the House that this country was at war and all requests of

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## British Aid To Finland

Giving a list of materials promised and sent, Mr. Chamberlain said that this would show that the advantages outweighed the disadvantages.

### MATERIALS

	Promised	Sent
Aeroplanes	152	101
Guns	223	114
Shells	297,200	185,000
Vickers guns	100	100
Marine mines	500	400
Hand-grenades	50,000	50,000
Aircraft bombs	2,700	1,700
Anti-tank rifles	200	200
Respirators	60,000	60,000
Greatcoats	100,000	100,000
Battle dress	100,000	100,000
Ambulances	48	48
Anti-tank mines	20,000	10,000

Mr. Chamberlain added that the assistance also included a number of minor items and large quantities of arms and ammunition.

## India's Right To Frame Own Constitution

RAMGARH, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The right for India to frame her own constitution without outside interference was demanded by the Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, President of the Indian National Congress, at the opening of the 53rd session today.

The Maulana added that the foundation of India's problem was whether she was entitled to determine her own fate or not. The whole question of India nationalism was based on this.

The British Government did not accept the position that India had a right to self-determination and he urged that India "must, and will go forward, on the path of non-co-operation." An enquiry should be addressed to the world regarding whether there was a better solution to the problem than the one proposed by Congress.

"Our success depends upon three factors—unity, discipline

## Chandra Bose Denounces Mr. Gandhi

RAMGARH, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—Subhas Chandra Bose, President of the All-India "Anti-Compromise" Congress, in his Presidential address, denounced Gandhi and the present Right Wing Congress High Command charging the High Command with side-tracking the issue by a demand for a "fake constituent assembly."

Chandra Bose added that, in the event of a compromise with Imperialism being effected, the Indian Left Wing would have to fight, not only Imperialism, but its new fangled Indian allies as well.

"This must necessarily mean that the national struggle against Imperialism would be converted into a civil war between the Indians themselves."

and full confidence in Gandhi's leadership," he concluded.

## Congested Car Parks Throughout Colony: Suggested Conversion Of St. John's Place: A.A. Meeting

### No Official Intimation From Authorities

"THE CONGESTED STATE OF CAR PARKS THROUGHOUT THE COLONY HAS ENGAGED THE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF YOUR COMMITTEE and as early as May 1939 a suggestion was made to the Hon. Commissioner of Police that he convert St. John's Place, which is opposite the Helena May Institute, into a car park for chauffeur-driven cars," said Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, President of the Hongkong Automobile Association, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts for the past year, at the annual meeting yesterday.

"This would have the effect of relieving, to some extent, the congestion which is still very evident in Statue Square and Chater Road, and provide accommodation for some 70 cars," continued Mr. Justice Lindsell.

"A shelter for chauffeurs has been erected by the P.W.D. and a telephone installed by the Association so that members may ring up for their cars, but no official intimation as to when the park may be put into use has been received from the authorities. It is hoped that this will not be long delayed."

Mr. Justice Lindsell prefaced his remarks with a reference to the death of Mr. P. M. Hodgson, and said: "From its inception in 1918, Mr. Hodgson took the keenest interest in the work of the Association and was its President on three occasions—in 1928, 1930 and 1937. At the time of his death, he was serving on a Special Committee engaged in overhauling our local traffic regulations and there, too, I feel sure his loss will be felt as his experience in matters appertaining to motoring was wide. We have lost a friend whose assistance and advice could always be relied upon."

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## PARKING PROBLEM PROPOSALS

Four very useful suggestions in connexion with the parking problem, were made by Mr. V. E. Ferrer, at the meeting of the Hongkong Automobile Association yesterday.

They were:—

1. That as Chater Road is a one-way thoroughfare from Pedder Street to Ice House Street, cars should be parked on both sides of the street, instead of in the middle as at present, so that traffic can move along the middle of the road. Also that the whole of Chater Road, from Ice House Street to Statue Square, be made a one-way street.

2. That Ice House Street, from Des Voeux Road to the Praya, be made a one-way street and that cars be allowed to park at right angles to the road instead of along the edge as at present.

3. That chauffeur-driven cars, should not be allowed to park in town.

4. That Kennedy Road be opened to traffic in order to relieve the congestion in Queen's Road East.

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## SOCCER REVIEW:

CHAN TAK-FAI WAS AN  
ABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
LEE: FOX'S FINE FORMChanges In Association  
Team Weakened Attack

BY "PILAT"

The heavy rain on Saturday morning flooded all the football pitches except at Caroline Hill where, it has been learned, the S. China "A" and Club match could have taken place had enough sawdust been available to mark the lines.

However, soccer fans were compensated on Sunday when the weather cleared sufficiently to allow the second game in the Governor's Cup series, between the CHINESE FEDERATION and the ASSOCIATION, to be played. This resulted in the Federation retaining the Cup for the third year, the score being two goals all.

Having won the first game, the Federation had only to draw—and they did, and only just. The Association was definitely unlucky in not forcing a play-off for they were facing a two goal deficit at one time.

Lee Wal-tong did not play, his place being taken by Chan Tak-fai, while the Association had to bring in Guy, Forrow, B. Gosano, D. Leonard, W. G. Pryde and Hon-niball to replace Williamson, Wilkinson, Hossack, A. V. Gosano, Fowler and Bickford.

While Chan Tak-fai proved an able substitute for Lee, the changes in the Association front line weakened it somewhat and, as a result, was not very effective against the strong Chinese defence.

Fox, who scored both goals for the Association, was the most dangerous forward—and would have accomplished more if given better support.

Pryde is improving with every game. He gave a good display and was the only forward who seemed to have any understanding with Fox. Leonard was completely off-form while Bertie Gosano, back on the right wing, did not show his old form in the position in which he played in the Interport. Hon-niball was rather starved though he came in for some fine runs.

## STRONG DEFENCE

The intermediate line of Bright,

Records Set  
At La Salle  
College MeetANNUAL EVENT  
CONCLUDED

School records in the Senior and Junior 800 metres run were set at La Salle College yesterday when the College's ninth annual athletic sports were concluded.

The Senior record was set by L. Silva, who ran the race in 2 minutes 17 seconds, and the Junior record, by B. Alonso, whose time was 2 minutes 27 seconds.

The Old Boys' Race, also over 800 metres, was won by F. Gonzales in 2 minutes 25 seconds.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mr. R. W. Morgan, Inspector of English Schools, gave away the prizes in the school hall.

## THE RESULTS

Scouts' Race (17th Kowloon Troop): 1. Marcus Ng and Hung lau-chiu, 2. Hung Mun-chiu and Siu Kong-tau.

Potato Race (Midget and Sub-Midget): 1. B. Ousa, 2. H. Melbye.

800 Metres (Senior): 1. L. Silva, 2. F. Soares, 3. R. Remedios.

800 Metres (Junior): 1. B. Alonso, 2. G. Blore, 3. N. Xavier.

Old Boy's Race: 1. Gonzales, 2. A. Sequeira, 3. A. Tan.

Teachers' Race (Egg and Spoon Race): 1. G. Lenz, 2. P. Ulrich.

1,500 Metres (Senior): 1. L. Silva, 2. M. Xavier, 3. M. Chan. Time: 5 minutes 23 seconds.

Obstacle Race (Midget and Sub-Midget): 1. J. Barton, 2. L. Sequeira.

Boards' Race (Senior): 1. A. Gottsche, 2. M. Matute.

Inter-School Relay: 1. Wah Yan College, 2. Queen's College.

Inter-Class Relay (Senior): 1. 2A, 2. Matric, 3. 3A.

Inter-Class Relay (Midget): 1. 6A, 2. 5A, 3. 7A.

Tug-of-War (Inter-Class Junior): 1. 3A, 2. 4A.

Tug-of-War (Inter-Class Senior): 1. 3B, 2. Matric.

Individual Champions: Senior: L. Xavier, 14 points; Junior: A. Azevedo, 18 points; Midget: L. Azevedo and E. Silva tied with 13 points each.

Inter-Class Championship: 1. Matric, 62 points; 2. Class 3A, 57 points; A. Junior A. 39 points.

Boxing  
Suspensions

The first penalties inflicted on those who have been implicated in the revolt against the British Boxing Board of Control were announced after a meeting of the Southern Area Council at which the cases were heard.

The promoter's licence of J. and B. Winterman at the Devonshire Club, Hackney, is suspended unless these promoters signify their intention to appear before the Southern Area Council.

Twenty-three other cases were dealt with on the charge of appearing at the Stadium Club, London, on Jan. 1, the promoter of this tournament not being a holder of a B.B.C. licence. They consisted of nine boxers, five managers, three referees, a ring master, a timekeeper, an M.C., a second and two trainers.

A number were warned as to their future conduct. Eight were suspended until they appear, and the remainder either suspended for a few weeks or fined, the largest amount being £5.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY  
TEAM

The Y.M.C.A. "A" XI will play the Khalsa Association at hockey on the "Y" ground at 5 p.m. on Thursday. The following will represent the "Y":

Colledge: Jordan and Tomlinson; Smith, McLellan and Waldron; A. N. Ocher, White, Pennington, Elsie and Highlands.

## ROTARY CLUB:

"SPEECH CRAFT"—BEAUTY, NOTE, TONE  
AND WORD: MR. H. PETERSON'S ADDRESS

The sounds of present day English were discussed in a technical but interesting manner by Mr. Henry Peterson when he addressed Hongkong Rotarians on "Speech Craft" yesterday.

After explaining the sounds of present day English and how to make them correctly, Mr. Peterson said that from the marriage after 1066 between Norman French and the four regional dialects of old English, many grammarians and phoneticians had indulged in pugnacity, which for many centuries was only surpassed by the odium theologum of Divines, and in our time has been equalled only by the odium Sino-logicum of retired Civil Servants and even ex-Governors of Hongkong!

## THREE STANDARDS

In the last 50 years there has been a concerted effort by public speakers, actors and poets to stabilise English sounds. Three standards have now emerged. Firstly, the stand of perfect physical use, secondly, the standard of phonetic accuracy, and thirdly, the standard of beauty.

The first has to do with the mechanism of speech—that is, the perfect use of the muscles and organs of speech, which is utterance. Utterance is made up of four factors—beauty, note, tone and word.

As regards phonetic accuracy, Mr. Peterson demonstrated the 13 vowel sounds and four consonants of present day English and showed how by a system of exercise, bad accent or faulty enunciation could be rectified.

The standard of beauty is most needed in verse speech, drama, or public speaking. Yet it is necessary in every day conversation to be courteous to our friends and acquaintances.

Norman French was "wedded" to four "brides," is still a language inflex after eight centuries of survival of the fittest in the tug-of-war between the four "provincial brides" and the elegant "bridegroom."

## WIDE ATTEMPT

However, today, more consciously than at any other period, a wide attempt is being made to establish the highest possible standard so that all may speak mark and learn. Yet, unluckily, unlike the great Dr. Johnson, present day phoneticians who agree with the urbane Lord Chesserfield in striving to leave the genius of the English language to its own devices do not earn the shaft that Lord Chesserfield shot at Dr. Johnson when he said: "I hereby declare that I make a total surrender of all my rights and privileges in the English language as a free-born British subject to the said Dr. Johnson for the term of his dictatorship."

Mr. Peterson wound up by quoting from Alice in Wonderland. He said when Humpty Dumpty, having explained his mastery over words, asked Alice what she meant to do next, and went on "I supposed you don't intend to stop here all the rest of your life."

"I am sure you don't," and Mr. Peterson concluded "Nor do I" and sat down.

## SPEAKER THANKED

In proposing the vote of thanks to the speaker, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest compared the use of sounds in the Cantonese dialect of Chinese and said that there was no standard of pronunciation in Chinese.

There was a certain range of variations within which every thing was correct. It was otherwise in English. It was interesting to know that just how China was in the same position with regard to language as England was 150 years ago when grammarians first began to lay down rules.

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

There were three visiting Rotarians present. They were Mr. W. M. Moore, Baguio, Philippine Island, Mr. George A. Fitch, Chungking, and Mr. C. D. Dixon, Tientsin.

The guests were Messrs. T. Young, P. T. Chang (Shanghai), Anselm Chuh, George Haynes (Shanghai), Owne F. Johnson, Y. H. Tang and Dr. A. E. Craddock (Kunming).

Viscount Charlemont of Drumcarne, Stewartstown, County Tyrone, former Minister of Education for Northern Ireland, was in the Northern Ireland High Court granted a decree nisi from Viscountess Charlemont, on the ground of her adultery with Frederick Ryan, a chauffeur formerly employed by Lord Charlemont.

## ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG  
JOCKEY CLUB

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th March, 1940, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

The first Bell will be rung at 12 Noon, and the Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1 p.m.) on both days.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 10.45 a.m. on both days.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21924).

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 per day including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1940.

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WANTS TO FIGHT  
AGAIN

M. Robert Lassalle, a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, and a former Cabinet member, who had trouble getting in the army during the last war because he had lost an eye in an accident, has volunteered for the present war.

He eventually got into the last war as a machine gunner, and was wounded three times, each time returning to action.

His fighting ended when the Germans captured him in 1918. Now, at 59, he wants to fight again.

CHESS WINS FOR  
KURRIK AND  
ZIMMERN

Two matches in the Tournament for the Colony Chess Championship, were played at the Peninsula Hotel last night, wins being recorded by A. Kurrik and E. Zimmern.

Kurrik beat D. E. de Carvalho, last year's champion, in 51 moves, playing the white pieces in an English Opening game. Zimmern beat B. S. Litvin, the game being the Giuco Piano, the winner playing the white pieces.

Sporting  
Fixtures

## TODAY

ATHLETICS.—Peak School Annual Sports, 2.45 p.m.

CRICKET.—Final of Army Small Units Knockout Competition, R. E. v. R.A.O.C. (Sookunpoo), 2 p.m.

SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony's Championships—Open Singles:—Tsui Yan-pui v. R. G. Blesel, Jr. (2); S. A. Rumjahn v. S. A. Gray (5); Open Doubles:—J. Goncalves and A. V. Remedios v. Paul Kong and B. Szeto (8); Club Singles:—A. Lade v. B. C. Fay (7); Handicap Singles:—W. M. Barton, -3.6 v. M. Pash, -30.3 (1); D. S. Robb, -2.6 v. G. C. Burnett -15 (6); Mixed Handicap Doubles:—P. Wyn-Blyth and Miss B. Fair, scr. v. Lt. J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill, -15.2 (3); B. O'M. Deane and Miss D. Eardley, -15.3 v. V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph, scr. (4).

## TOMORROW

ATHLETICS.—Diocesan Girls' School Annual Sports at King's Park, 2 p.m.; King's College Annual Sports, at Caroline Hill, 1.30 p.m.

BADMINTON.—Colony's Championships.—Mixed Doubles:—L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro v. K. L. Yong and Miss O. Kho (King's College, 8 p.m.); Men's Doubles:—M. S. Lim and P. S. Bun v. H. Eard-

ley and N. L. Smith (King's College, 8.30 p.m.); F. Koh and C. Y. Yung v. Fisher and Wynier-Blyth or Silva and Oliveira.

CHESS.—Colony's Championship—L. Blair v. B. S. Litvin; K. Weiss v. D. E. de Carvalho; E. Zimmern v. O. V. Parsalov; A. Kurrik v. V. V. Kalatchoff; K. M. A. Barnett v. A. Y. Birunkoff.

TENNIS.—Colony's Championships—Open Singles:—A. Crawford v. Pang Oi-lam (1); Wei Chung v. Tinnie Kwok (4); S. Theobald or T. C. Chan v. O. Umetani (5); Open Doubles:—Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v. A. Kitchell and I.M.A. Razack (8); Club Singles:—H. J. Armstrong v. R. G. Blesel, Jr. (6); Handicap Singles:—C. B. Nicholson or E. R. Childs v. T. J. Gould or R. C. Beavan (7); Handicap Doubles:—A. Lade and G. W. Sewell, -5.6 v. W. G. Harvey and A. H. Barwell, scr. (2); Mixed Handicap Doubles:—C. H. R. and Mrs. Hyde, -20 v. J. R. M. Smith and Mrs. D. E. B. Smith, scr. (3).

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

CRICKET.—First Division: I.R.C. v. Civil Service (Sookunpoo); Craigengower v. H. K. C. C. (Happy Valley); Second Division: H.K.C.C. v. Craigengower C.C. (H.K.C.C.), Rectory v. I. R. C. (King's Park).

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Second Extra Race Meeting, at Happy Valley 2 p.m.

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# COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FOR INDIA DEMANDED BY CONGRESS COMMITTEE: MR. GANDHI CRITICIZED

## Lord Zetland Emphasizes Unchanged British Policy

RAMGARH, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—"I shall go to the Viceroy fifty times if necessary," declared Mr. Gandhi, at yesterday's meeting of the Subjects Committee of the Indian National Congress, replying to speakers who criticised his "readiness to compromise with Britain" on India's future.

After offering to "start the fight" in a month, if Congressmen would eradicate "lack of discipline and the atmosphere of violence," Mr. Gandhi added: "don't find anything to suggest that we are ready for the fight immediately."

Mr. Gandhi was speaking after the Committee, by an overwhelming majority, adopted a resolution demanding complete independence for India and rejecting Dominion Status as a solution.

### LORD ZETLAND'S SPEECH

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—In the House of Lords yesterday afternoon, Lord Zetland, Secretary for India making his first appearance after the Caxton Hall shooting affair, said that it had been brought to his notice that apprehensions had arisen in various quarters lest this tragedy be permitted to effect the judgment of His Majesty's Government upon affairs in India.

He was indeed sorry that any such apprehensions should have arisen, but since they had found expression, he was glad of that early opportunity for stating in public what he had already said more than once in private, that the act of an isolated fanatic could not conceivably have the smallest influence upon the judgment of His Majesty's Government, one way or the other, upon affairs in India. (Cheers.)

## RESHUFFLE IN FRENCH CABINET

PARIS, Mar. 19 (Havas).—Rumours of a forthcoming Cabinet reshuffle are continuing and the general opinion is that Senator Pierre Laval, former Premier, and one of the signatories of the Laval-Mussolini Rome Agreement of 1935, will receive some portfolio.

### POLICY CHANGE

This fact has led to rumours that French policy towards Italy is likely to undergo an important change. Some talk of the possibility of M. Daladier and Signor Mussolini meeting but the latter was categorically denied.

Meanwhile, questions on the conduct of the war and the Finnish affair will be heard in the Chamber of Deputies this morning. Mobilised deputies have been granted special leave to attend.

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## MUSSOLINI WILLING TO MEDIATE

### BUT NOT AT COST OF NEUTRALITY

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Havas).—Well-informed circles state that Signor Mussolini endeavoured to persuade Herr Hitler to concede certain modifications concerning Poland and Czechoslovakia, aiming to bring Germany closer to the Allies and thereby to establish a possible basis for peace.

### HITLER'S PLAN

Apparently Herr Hitler's intention was to strengthen his position with Italy and to attempt to bully the Allies with the threat of a large-scale war unless they agree to an immediate peace.

The general opinion is that Signor Mussolini is willing to offer mediation, but not at the expense of Italian neutrality.

## Daladier - Mussolini Meeting Denied

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Among the unconfirmed conjectures circulating last night was a suggestion that M. Daladier may meet Signor Mussolini at Genoa today or on Wednesday.

A message from Paris states the suggestion that M. Daladier will meet Signor Mussolini today was authoritatively denied here.

It is pointed out that M. Daladier was still in Paris last night and was due to speak in the Chamber debate today.

## BIRTHDAY CHEERS FOR PREMIER IN COMMONS

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister, who was 71 yesterday, was received with general cheers when he rose to answer the first question put to him in the House of Commons and was unable to reply for a considerable period. Mr. Chamberlain seemed touched by the greeting and smiled to the members in all parts of the House.

## NEW 3 - POWER BLOW?

ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The theory that Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini discussed a German - Russian - Italian Balkan bloc for keeping the Balkans and Danubian Europe definitely out of the war is gaining ground and political observers tend to combine this initiative with the Peace Treaty between Finland and Russia, and the firm position of the Scandinavian countries as neutrals.

## Untruthful Japanese Propaganda

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that there was no truth in the reports circulated in North China that Chinese coolies were being secretly recruited in North China and taken to France to dig trenches on the Western Front.

### ATTENTION DRAWN

Asked what steps have been taken to counteract this "Japanese propaganda," Mr. Butler replied that the attention of the Japanese authorities in North China had already been drawn to the untruthfulness of the reports.

## NAZI BRUTALITY WITH POLISH CHILDREN

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons, yesterday asked for information regarding the many Polish children removed from various parts of Poland under German control, Mr. Butler replied that the exact figures were difficult to secure in the present circumstances.

The children were, however, included among the Polish population being systematically deported from their homes by the German Government and it was clear that this process was being carried out with a brutality which we associate with German activity in Poland.

## Communists Raided In Paris

PARIS, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Modern wireless equipment sufficient to work six transmitters and two tons of Communist literature were seized by the police in a roundup of Communists in which 33 arrests were made.

## Internal Appeasement Only

### RECONCILIATION OF IRON GUARDS IN RUMANIA

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The reconciliation between the Rumanian Government and members of the Iron Guard was the subject of comment by The Times yesterday.

### NOT JUSTIFIED

"The news seems to have been received in Germany as an indication of an approaching change in the Rumanian foreign policy. This is not justified by fact," says The Times.

"Although the Iron Guards before the war were certainly in close touch with the Nazis, there is an indication that the clemency now extended is nothing more than internal appeasement. The members were only pardoned as individuals and there may be nothing more in it than the ending of a feud and the strengthening of national unity."

## NO MEANS TEST FOR PENSIONS

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—In connexion with pensions for parents of unmarried men killed in the war, the Minister for Pensions said yesterday that, in future, pensions would be paid without enquiry as to whether or not that person concerned can support himself; that is, there will be no means test.

The minimum will be increased from 2s. to 5s. a week and the present maximum from 12s. 6d. to 17s. 6d. in some cases.

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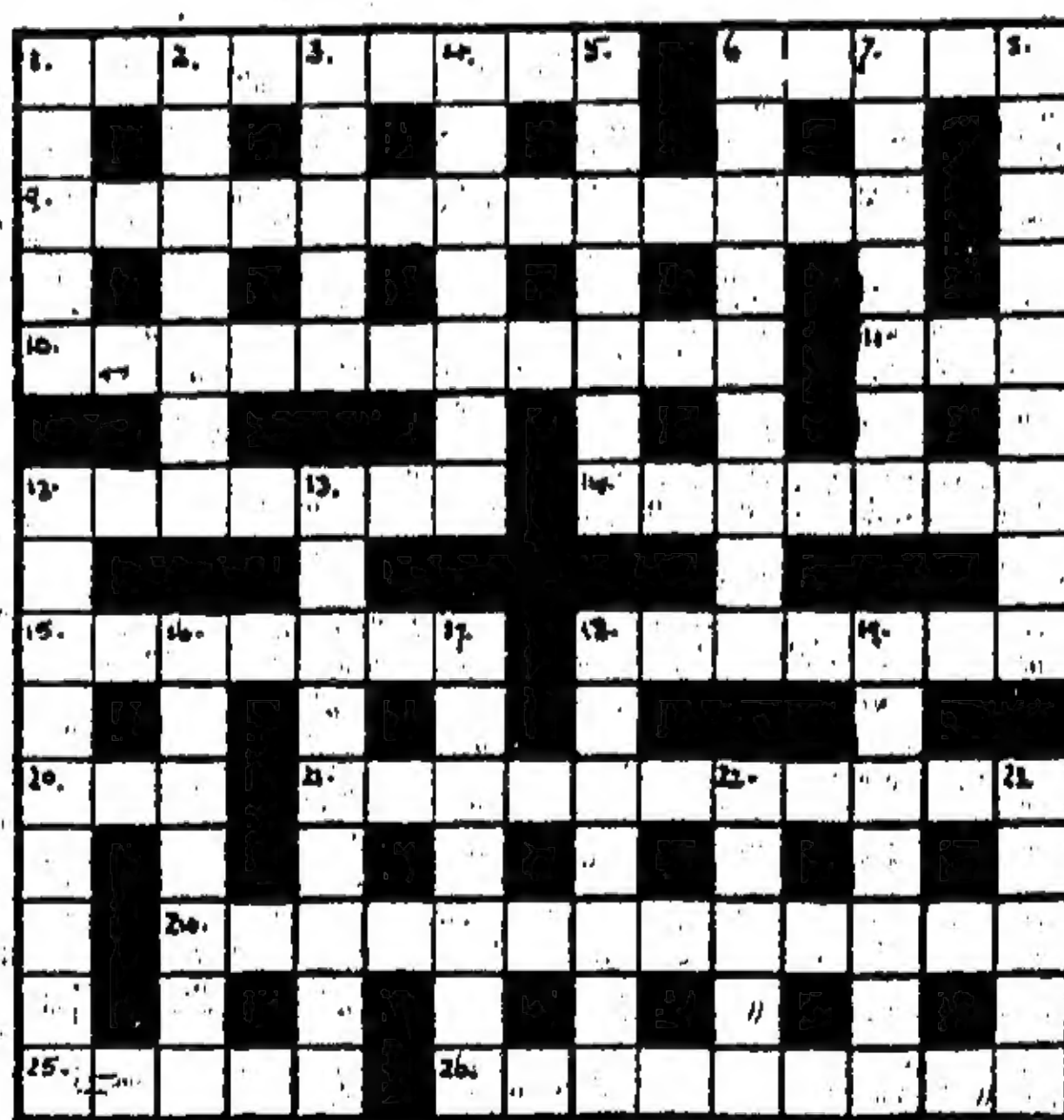
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- Customers en masse.
- The first one depends on the spin of a coin.
- Victims of the Juggernaut must be.
- A mad scene, belonging to an Eastern city.
- Better than all Ace (2 words, 5 and 4).
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# JAPAN MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHANGE IN POLITICAL STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINES, SAYS MINING MAGNATE

## Judge Hausserman Gives Formula For Success

SPECIAL TO THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS  
"The Philippines will become independent in 1946." This statement was made by Judge W. Hausserman, American mining magnate in the Islands, in an exclusive two hour interview on board an American liner in port recently.

Judge Hausserman's opinion is in accordance with a similar declaration made by the United States High Commissioner of the Philippines, Mr. Sayre, in a press interview in Manila, on Feb. 27, when he pointed out that there was no reason for supposing that the United States of the Philippines were striving for a change in the Independence Act.

### JAPANESE MENACE

Asked as to whether he thought Japan might possibly take advantage of the future change in political status of the Philippine Islands, Judge Hausserman was inclined to reply in the affirmative.

Born in 1867, a few years after the American Civil War, Judge Hausserman, at the age of 73, has retired from practice, and is now President of one of the richest gold mines in the world, the Balatoc Mining Co., Ltd. and the Benguet Consolidated Mining Co., in the Philippines.

Over six feet tall, and of a genial and democratic disposition, Judge Hausserman represents a successful business executive at his age.

### SUCCESSFUL LIFE

"What is, in your opinion, the formula for a successful life?" I asked the Judge, and, after a few moments of deliberation, he replied:

"A man to be successful in this world should rely on:—  
(a) hard work, (b) patience, (c) right thinking, (d) absolute honesty, (e) reasonable ambition, and (f) courage (moral)."

### GOLD STRIKE

A sensational gold strike in the Balatoc Mine, owned by the Hausserman interests, proved it to be one of the richest mines in the world. In some instances pockets, which assayed close to 750,000 pesos per ton, were encountered, considered by many as a geological freak. This created an envious desire to get rich quick among Philippine leaders of finance and industry, resulting in the beneficial mining boom of 1933.

Over a hundred companies were formed, and now they are producing wealth for the nation and providing employment for thousands, while many more collapsed because of speculation on the part of the promoters.

### HAPPY COMMUNITY

A happy community of working

men lives in the valley of the Benguet Consolidated Mining Co. Through Judge Hausserman's social service, workers are being paid the highest mining wages in the Islands, ranging from one to six pesos per day, with free house, light, water, fuel, and a liter of rice every day.

Children attend company schools, while worker's families are cared for by the company hospital and medical staff. They have a church, a theatre, athletic grounds, and a library.

No less than 60,000 Filipinos look up to the Hausserman enterprises, not for their bare existence, but for their present comfortable living, college education for their children, and future economic security, because 12,000 laborers are on the company's payroll in the Benguet Mountains, with an average of five individuals dependent on each worker in the hills or the lowlands.

### MORE WORK TO DO

"When asked what else there remained for him to do, when everything seems to have been accomplished, the Judge replied that although unwilling to retire, it was his responsibility to see that the thousands of his employees lived and worked under the best conditions, while he was training his son Francis O. Hausserman for the position of trust and responsibility he will eventually inherit.

Although now on a combined business and pleasure trip to the United States, the Judge's work is still unfinished. He has reached the point (economically), when "I have made enough to keep me and my family comfortably for the rest of our lives," (to use his own words).

Nevertheless his main concern today is not further augment his wealth, but to share it wisely with those who helped him to build up his industrial and financial structures, without disrupting the equilibrium of national economy; and with those who are less fortunate than he is.

## POSSESSION OF FORGED BANKNOTES

### CHINESE GAOLED

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Ching-hung by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when the accused was found guilty by a jury on charges of uttering and possession of forged banknotes.

The jury comprised Messrs. J. J. Edgar (Foreman), C. E. Rathsam, S. Hansch, J. L. Adams, E. J. T. Wong, A. J. Mauricio and C. Bonnet.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, said that the accused went to a shop in Ewo Street and tendered a five-dollar note for a pack of cigarettes. The fold accepted the note and gave the accused \$4.90 change. Later, the accused returned for a similar purchase and, on this occasion, the fold discovered that the second five-dollar note he had tendered was a forgery. The accused then gave a dollar note, took the cigarettes and change.

As he was about to leave the premises, the accountant conversed with the fold, who had accepted the first note, and gave chase. The accused was arrested as he was boarding a tram.

## REFUGEES IN THE COLONY

An increase of 281 in the number of refugees and destitutes in the Colony for the week ending Mar. 18, is shown in the returns of those accommodated in Government camps, etc., Urban and Rural Areas:—

Urban Areas (Civilians):  
King's Park 1,302 against 1,314 on Mar. 9.  
Ma Tau Chung 1,390 against 1,338 on Mar. 9.  
North Point 1,410 against 1,412 on Mar. 9.  
Urban Areas (Soldiers):  
In Hospital 14 against 16 on Mar. 9.  
Argyle Street, 699 against 699 on Mar. 9.  
Urban Areas (Tai Hang):  
Squatters' Camp 1,245 against 920 on Mar. 9.  
Rural Areas:  
Kam Tin 2,097 against 1,969 on Mar. 9.  
San Uk Ling — against 222 on Mar. 9.  
Total: 8,616 against 8,335 on Mar. 9.

## Plucky Fight By Village Couple

### ASSAULT CHARGE AT SESSIONS

The story of how a village couple struggled pluckily with three armed robbers in Chuen Wan, New Territories, on Jan. 28, was related in the Supreme Court yesterday when three men, Sung Yuk-lan, alias Sung Yung, 29, Hui Chung, 26 and Wan Chun, 23, were arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, charged with assault with intent to rob.

The jury comprising Messrs. Ip Kwai-chung (foreman), Yeung Shek-sin, Wong Kam-plu, Hym Pheon, Wong Tat and W. A. Tansley, returned a verdict of GUILTY, without retiring.

### FIRE REVOLVER

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, said that the first accused struck Chiu who began to struggle and during the fight, Wan fired his revolver. Chiu's wife joined in the fight and was also assaulted by the robbers. She ran into the kitchen where she beat upon a tin pan and shouted for help.

Sung and Wan, who had previous conviction, were each sentenced to three years' hard labour, while Hui was sentenced to two-and-a-half years' hard labour.

## NEW SOLICITOR IN COLONY

Mr. Pak Chuen-woo Admitted

Mr. Pak Chuen-woo, son of the late Mr. Woo Hai-tong, was admitted to practice as a solicitor at the Supreme Court yesterday on the application of the Attorney-General, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Mr. Pak Chuen-woo is also the nephew of Mr. H. K. Woo and cousin of Mr. P. Y. Woo, both of the firm of Woo and Woo, solicitors.

### IN LONDON

The applicant said Mr. Alabaster, obtained his M.A. degree at the London University in 1937, and he was admitted as a solicitor in England just over a year ago—in February, 1939.

Until quite recently he had been studying for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the London University. He had completed his course but came to the East shortly before his thesis had been read. However, said Mr. Alabaster, he had with him a letter from Dean of the Faculty of the London University highly commending him in every respect.

### GREAT PLEASURE

The Chief Justice said it was a very great pleasure to him to accede to the Attorney-General's request. It was a particular pleasure to do so in the case of Mr. Pak Chuen-woo because his uncle and cousins were both very well-known to his Lordship, and both of whom held honourable places in the legal profession. He was sure that Mr. Pak would add to that high reputation, and he hoped he would have happiness and success in his career at the Bar.

## 129 DEATHS IN H.K.: T.B. 90, SMALL-POX 11

A total of 129 deaths occurred in the Colony during the week-ended Mar. 16. Of this fatal, small-pox and tuberculosis claimed 101; the returns showing 90 deaths from tuberculosis (160 cases notified) and 11 deaths from small-pox (12 cases notified).

Other returns were: 10 deaths from cerebro-spinal fever (21 cases notified—one imported), 7 deaths from enteric fever (11 cases notified—one imported), 5 deaths from diphtheria (11 cases notified), 3 deaths from measles (13 cases notified), and 3 deaths from dysentery (30 cases notified).

Eighteen cases of chicken-pox (3 imported) and one case of scarlet fever were also notified during the week.

### ON MONDAY

Twenty-five cases of tuberculosis, four cases of small-pox, eight cases of dysentery, three cases of chicken-pox, two cases of di-

## BLACK-OUT CANCER PATIENT'S LEAP TO DEATH AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL

### NINE MOTORISTS FINED \$240

Failure to obey traffic regulations during the recent black-out resulted in the appearance of several motor-car drivers before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday.

Mrs. S. M. Ho, of No. 7, Castle Road, was fined \$25 for failing to cover the side lights of her car during the black-out period.

Three other Chinese drivers who were summoned for similar offences were each fined \$30 while five more were each fined \$25.

Traffic-Inspector F. J. Clarke told the Court that prior to the exercise, some 250,000 leaflets were posted and distributed to people reminding them of the traffic regulations during black-out.

### MR. J. W. MORRIS

Mr. J. W. Morris, who for many years was Passenger Agent in Hongkong for the Dollar Steamship Line before its reorganisation as the American President Lines, and who now makes his headquarters in San Francisco, as Manager for foreign agencies of the Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., will arrive in Hongkong by Pan American Airways Clipper during the latter part of this month on an inspection tour in the interests of his company.

The American President Lines, Inc. are General Agents throughout China for Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc. which is one of the largest airlines operating between the Pacific and the Atlantic coasts.

## Octogenarian Woman's Desperate Act

How an 80-year-old woman, named Lam Tang, who had been undergoing treatment for cancer of the bladder, became desperate and threw herself from the sixth floor of the Queen Mary Hospital to end her suffering, was told at an inquest held in the Central Court yesterday.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon sat as Coroner, assisted by a jury comprising of Messrs. Ip Kam-wah (Foreman), Alexander Hyde Lay and Thomas Herbert Edgar.

A verdict of suicide was recorded.

On the night of February 15, a European Sister found everything in order after her rounds in the Queen Mary Hospital. After midnight, two nurses went off duty for a meal, leaving the amah in charge in that particular ward, and when Sister Baker returned she discovered that the bed No. 12 was empty. A quick search was instituted, and finally from a small bathroom window, six floors below them, they saw the body of the woman patient lying on the ground.

The postmortem examination was described by Dr. Kwan.

The woman's grandson, Cheung Ngok, of No. 63, Connaught Road, testified that she had asked him to bring her funeral clothes, but he said: "You're not going to die." Later he identified the body.

Nurse Hui Wai-hing said that ever since the operation, the deceased had never got out of bed.

The amah, Lee Cheung, said that when she was left in charge of the ward by the two nurses, she sat down, felt giddy but did not sleep.

## DONATIONS TO ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

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### CHUNGKING, Mar. 13 (Central)

—Water communication at Chachu and Pinghu in east Chekiang has been cut by Chinese mobile units, says a Shanghai dispatch. The Japanese garrison troops at Chachu dare not venture out in view of the activity of guerrillas outside the city.

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## Harp Recital At Peninsula Hotel

### MUSICAL TREAT ON MAR. 28

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Mr. J. E. M. Smith is prevented by illness from conducting the string orchestra, which will now be under the direction of Pro. N. A. Tonoff.

### HARP SOLOS

Solange Renie is the niece and pupil of the famous French harpist, Henriette Renie, one movement of whose harp concert she will play with the orchestra. She will also play with the orchestra Debussy's Dance Sacree and Dance profane and in addition two groups of harp solos.

Solange Renie studied at the Conservatoire de Paris and was one of the members of the Renie Septette where she took the place of Grandjany on his departure for America. Since coming to the Far East (where her husband is in the French Consular Service) she has given many successful concerts in Shanghai, Singapore, Tientsin and Japan, and recently was invited by Mde. M. Quezon, wife of the President of the Philippines to give private concerts for her. Solange Renie will also give a short radio broadcast on March 21.

### VIENNESE SINGER

In addition, Angelika Meesler-Stehnschneider, mezzo-soprano from the Vienna Opera will contribute two groups of songs.

The concert is being arranged by the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China and the proceeds will be used for the Kwelyang Orthopaedic Hospital for wounded and disabled soldiers and civilians. Tickets (\$2) each may be obtained from the office of the Foreign Auxiliary, Gloucester Building, First Floor, Room 3, or the Anderson Music Company.

phtheria and one case of enteric fever were notified to the Health authorities on Mar. 18.

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March 2, 1940.

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Hong Kong, 18th March, 1940.

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## Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

## PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, PANG KWOK SUI of George Grimble & Co., 1, Princes Building, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of Change of Ownership I have applied to the Minister of Shipping, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "HANG SANG" of Hong Kong Official number 114779 of gross tonnage 2141 tons, register tonnage 1356 tons, heretofore owned by Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., of Hong Kong, for the permission to change her name to "TAIPOSHAN" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by PANG KWOK SUI.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong, within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong, this 20th day of March, 1940.

PANG KWOK SUI.

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## THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT &amp; AGENCY CO., LTD.

## 4% DEBENTURES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that INTEREST for the six months ending 31st MARCH, 1940, on the above DEBENTURES will be payable at the OFFICES of the COMPANY on MONDAY, 1st APRIL, 1940.

THE REGISTER OF DEBENTURES will be closed from MONDAY, 25th MARCH, to SATURDAY, 30th MARCH, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer to DEBENTURES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

O. EAGER,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th March, 1940.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT				
No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Annual Rental
1	879	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 879, Junction of Castle Peak Road & Wing Lung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan.	6110
			As per sale plan.	8,110

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March, to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &  
CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1940.

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## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company.

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company, standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1940, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.

2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &  
CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1940.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

## THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF &amp; GODOWN CO., LTD.

## Notice to Shareholders.

THE FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

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HONGKONG, MARCH 20, 1940

## THE BLITZKRIEG OF DIPLOMACY

THE BLITZKRIEG of arms has not yet begun, but the blitzkrieg of diplomacy has been in full swing for months and is prodigious with climaxes and surprises.

DESPITE Britain's persistent courting of Italy, the "axis twins" have met again, to demonstrate their solidarity and clear the way for new threats. Hitler wants a peace that will leave him in possession of his conquests of the past two years and unquashed hegemony of Central Europe. Mussolini, acting as "honest broker" wants whatever he can get by persistent fishing in troubled waters. If the Allies suffer further diplomatic reverses, he may once more blaze forth with his old slogan of "Tunis-Corsica-Nice."

THE POPE, Mussolini, and it is highly probable, Mr. Sumner Welles, continue to uphold the old "lightning rod" theory which, since Locarno, has seen the solution of all European conflicts in Four Power Pacts and the like directed against the Soviet. It is likely that these views are shared by considerable groups of people in London, Paris and Berlin. But all who have experienced recent history will know that it was this dangerous calculation that gave Hitler his opportunity and led to the present war. A reversion to the era of Four Power Pacts is therefore most unlikely, despite the nostalgic dreams of its proponents.

SINCE THERE DOES NOT appear to be any road back, it is logical to suppose that the struggle is being intensified and that the meeting on the Brenner was devoted to the strategy of this struggle. If Hitler is to launch an offensive in the West, he must

## NATIONAL PROBABLE STARTERS, JOCKEYS

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Probable starters and jockeys in the Grand National are as follows: Royal Mail, Williams; Royal Danell, Moore; Professor, Second, Owen; The Uplifter, Danny Morgan; Dunhill Castle, Farvin; Rockquill, Carey; Workman, Hyde; Red Eagle, Elder; Dominicks Cross, Mitchell; Black Hawk, Rimell; Klistar, Archibald; Away, Coleman; Timber Wolf, Nicholson; Hillhead Prince, Wilson; Macmoftat, Alder; John Chinnaman, Magee; Milano, M. Jones; Knights Brook, Moloney; Venturesome Knight, Mr. Tweedie; Litigant, Mr. Black; Leeygne, O'Grady; Symaethis, Feakes; Inverleith, Hogan; Bogskar, Foley; Boyo, Taylor; National Night, H. Jones; Takvor Pacha, Major Fripp; Cornlaw, Myles; Luxborough (no jockey); Lazy Boots, Ward; Prime, Mr. Marsh; Cordite, I. Morgan; Underbid, Bissill; Bachelor Prince (no jockey); Downright, Captain Seeley; Tuckmill, Kelly; Gold Arrow, Lay; Second Act, Dowdeswell; Red Freeman, Redmond; Sterling Duck, Brogan.

Alfredsios is being scratched and Chesterton, Bally Fox and Young Mischief are doubtful starters.

## LATEST CALL-OVERS

The latest call-over in the Grand National is as follows:—

Klistar (15-2 o.); Professor Second (100-9 o., 12-1 t.); Royal Danell (100-7 o.); Sterling Duke (20-1 o.); Venturesome Knight (33-1 t. and o.); Inverleith (33-1 o.). Call-over in the Lincolnshire is as follows:—

Quartier Maitre (7-1 o., 15-2 t.); Titan (15-2 o., 8-1 t.); Timestep (100-8 o.); Wonerah (100-7 o.); Aldine (100-6 o.) and Southport (20-1 o.). Probable starters and jockeys are:—Golden Sovereign, Beary; Hotbun, Second, Sam Wragg; Booms-a-Daisy, Nevett; Wonerah, Weston; Titan, E. Smith; Quartier Maitre, Gordon Richards; Southport, Lowrey; Florest, Lane; Paul Beg, Gunn; Davy Doltie, A. Burns; Squadron Castle, Dyson; Aldine, Richardson; Reynolds Lodge, Wells; Mrs. Nodgrass, Pevans; Rosestown, D. Smith; Ticcagari, Tucker; Uncle Archie, Mullins; Puntgun, Dick; Hamac, Sharpe; Bannymede, Nicoll.

Time Slop, Nagor, Elnea, Corena (no jockeys).

Fast Step, Fairfax, King's Gap, Spliced and Straight Four are doubtful starters.

be reasonably sure that he will not be flanked in the Balkans. He can have this assurance if Italy reverts to her pre-arranged role as Mediterranean watchdog of the Rome-Berlin Axis. If he asked Mussolini for anything, it was this.

AS FOR THE U.S.S.R. its leaders have stated on a number of occasions that it was not pulling anybody's chestnuts out of the fire, and it looks as though they meant just that. The existence of diametrically opposing interpretations of the peace in Finland—one, that it was a major diplomatic blow at the Allies, and two, that it was directly chiefly at Germany, making her forever powerless in the Baltic, indicates clearly the Soviet Union was defending its own security as it saw it against all comers, yesterday Hitler, today the advocates of a new Archangel expedition among the Allies, tomorrow—any other Power or combination. This being the case, there is no reason why Hitler should be the only beneficiary of Soviet neutrality. With a less short-sighted approach, the Allies too could draw some sustenance from it. To bristle with threats against Russia is deliberately to give up this opportunity and to forget that it is, after all, Germany with which the Allies are at war.

THE DIPLOMATIC BLITZKRIEG is an essential part of the general war in the military, political and economic spheres. So far, the trump cards have been presented on a salver to Fuehrer, Duce and Mikado to play as they please. If this had not been done, there would most probably have been no war today. Now that the war has come, there seems little excuse for further adventures in ineptitude.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT				
No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Annual Rental
1	574	Opposite Inland Lot No. 233, 2nd Tak Street, Wong Nei Chung.	As per sale plan.	84
			As per sale plan.	10,410

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 26th day of March 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Yau-mati, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 5 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT				
No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Annual Rental
1	437	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 437, Junction of Sham King Road & Sham King Street, Shamshui.	As per sale plan.	79
			As per sale plan.	5,320

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# GREATER VIGOUR IN PROSECUTION OF WAR DEMANDED BY ALLIED PRESS

## More Energy Required In Taking Initiative

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—There is unanimity in the British and French press in asking for greater vigour in the prosecution of the war by the Allies.

The Times asks whether British diplomacy and war policy concurred with making the greatest effort.

## Finns Take Everything Of Value From Hangoe

### EVACUATION ACTIVITY

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—A message from Hangoe says that desperate last-minute efforts are being made by the Finns to remove everything of value from this bomb-wrecked, half-deserted city before the Russians march in to take possession on Saturday. Evacuation must be completed by midnight on Friday.

Reuter's correspondent says: "When I drove here from Helsinki, the last section of the road was blocked by lorries loaded with household goods and furniture. "Scenes of pathetic activity in Hangoe are typical of what is happening in other ceded areas in Finland. Civilians and soldiers are working hard in emptying houses and piling furniture in the roadways, and efforts are being made to ensure that nothing movable will be left for the Russians."

## MARTIAL LAW IN SOVIET-OCCUPIED FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—Martial law has been proclaimed in those parts of Finland already occupied by Russian troops.

This follows closely on the news that the entire Karelian Isthmus area along Lake Ladoga will be fortified with the Voroshilov Line.

M. SVINHFVUD  
ROME, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—M. Svinhfvud, former Finnish Premier, was received in audience by the Pope yesterday morning.

NAZI ANXIETY  
LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The German radio and press are playing up the Scapa Flow raid for all they are worth and are now asking Germans to believe that most of the Royal Navy has been destroyed.

It was stated in London that this lying propaganda reflects the Nazi anxiety to convince the Germans that at last the Nazi Government has begun to justify its existence.

## NAZI TROOPS RAID FRENCH OUTPOSTS

PARIS, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—German troops yesterday carried out several raids on French outposts on a twelve-mile front between the basin formed by the Moselle and the Nied rivers.

The defenders raked the Germans with withering fire from automatic arms and were backed by strong support from artillery which drove the raiders back.

French patrols were also active in this sector.

PARIS, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—A War communiqué says that there was nothing of importance to report.

A war communiqué issued in Paris yesterday stated that there was nothing to report.

DEATH IN HOSPITAL  
A message from London states that Major Frank Vernon, well-known theatrical producer, died of pneumonia in a B. E. F. military hospital, according to Reuter's special correspondent with the B. E. F.

## FRENCH CALL TO THE COLOURS

PARIS, Mar. 19 (Havas)—It was officially stated that the next contingent of men of twenty years of age, will be called to the colours on April 15. Some will be sent to North Africa.

## PUPPETS TO MEET IN NANKING

### NEW REGIME TO GOVERNMENT OF CHUNGKING

PEIPING, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—Wang Keh-min, head of the Peiping Provisional Government, and four other Peiping Government delegates, in addition to two delegates from the Japanese-controlled Mongolian Government and Major-General Morioka, Director of the North China Liaison Office of the China Affairs Board, who recently succeeded Lieut-General Kita left for Nanking yesterday morning to attend the Central Political Conference opening there on Mar. 20, at which the Central Government of China is expected to be finally decided.

NEW REGIME  
It is learned from "Provisional Government" circles that the new Government organisation will closely follow that of the Chungking Central Government, which it is intended to supplant.

## MR. WELLES NOT INTERMEDIARY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, denied in a press interview yesterday that Mr. Sumner Welles was an intermediary between European Powers.

Mr. Hull emphasised that Mr. Welles' trip was purely to ascertain facts and he had strictly kept to this.

## Purchase Of U.S. Planes For Allies

### REPORTED HITCH IN NEGOTIATIONS ARE DENIED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary to the U.S. Treasury, denied reports that negotiations between the Anglo-French Purchasing Board and American aeroplane manufacturers have been suspended.

NOT AFFECTED  
He declared that the negotiations were still proceeding as far as he knew and they would not be affected by the forthcoming Congressional enquiry into foreign purchases of aircraft.

The reports were also discounted by the British Purchasing Commission.

Nevertheless, some observers feel that the forthcoming investigation and the reported uncertainty over the exact types the Allies will be able to buy in the contracts may affect the speed with which the Allies can secure planes.

## CHAMBER IN SECRET SESSION

PARIS, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The Chamber went into a secret session this afternoon to discuss the international situation and the repercussions of the Finnish-Soviet peace.

The Government motion that the debate should be held in a secret session was carried without division and it is expected that M. Daladier, Premier, will be in a position to reveal interesting facts about the meeting between Mussolini and Hitler.

## R.A.F. GUNNERS TO BE GRANTED COMMISSIONS

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The rapid increase of the Royal Air Force has brought a demand for more air-gunners and, for the first time in the history of the Service, commissions will be granted for the duration of the war.

Men between the ages of 22 and 35 will be accepted.

The award of commissions recognises the vital part of air-gunners play when a bomber is attacked by enemy fighters.

## COMPARISON WITH R.A.F. ACTIVITIES

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The activities of the R.A.F. compare very favourably with those of their equivalent, says the Manchester Guardian.

NAZI CLAIMS  
With regard to the death of a civilian and slight damage to a warship in Saturday's raid, the paper says that the German claims are as fantastic as usual.

The raid did little to compare with the R.A.F. raids on German naval bases. The Germans have not yet found it possible to launch any air action comparable with the R.A.F. attacks on Wilhelmshaven and Brunsbüttel, when several direct hits were made on a pocket battleship from a height of a few hundred feet.

## WOMEN WORK ON NIGHT SHIFTS

ANKARA, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—With a view to ensuring the country's preparedness to face any eventuality, the Government is to extend the daily working hours from 9 to 12 in all industries, factories, workshops, mines and other departments, whose outputs require increasing.

The new law will apply to women and children, as well as to men, and women and children will, in future, work on night shifts which was hitherto strictly forbidden.

## DEATH OF MR. H. SIDEBOTHAM

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—The death was announced here of the well-known journalist, Mr. Herbert Sidebotham, who was particularly known for his articles in the Sunday Times, signed "Scrutator."

## FIGHTING ON KWANGSI BORDER

### CHINESE TROOPS ATTACK SHEKKI

KWEILIN, Mar. 19 (Central)—A communiqué issued by the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters for the South-West states that Japanese troops yesterday reached the neighbourhood of Lingshan, 60 miles north-east of Yanchow, in West Kwangtung, near the Kwangsi border, where they are encountering stubborn Chinese resistance.

### TOWN RECAPTURED

On the south bank of the Wai-kiang River, the Chinese once again recaptured Shih Eih Tan, north-west of Tatang. Japanese communications on the Nanning-Yanchow highway have been cut. About fifty Chinese civilians at Nachen and Tamhatsun on the South Kwangsi border were killed when the Japanese passed through the villages.

### COUNTER-ATTACK

SHIUKWAN, Mar. 19 (Central)—Chinese troops have been counter-attacking the Japanese at Shekki, inflicting many casualties. In East Kwangtung, Chinese troops advancing on Chaoan (Chaochow) have reached the northern suburbs.

## Church Bells For Metal Reserves

BERLIN, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—All church bells will be handed to the State "in order to create metal reserves necessary for the conduct of the war over a long period," according to an official decree.

An ersatz (substitute) metal, and adequate compensation, is promised.

Copper used for certain parts of a building must also be registered.

## LIFEBOAT INST. GOLD MEDAL

Coxswain Robert Cross, of the Humber Lifeboat, which has rescued 189 lives since the outbreak of war, has been awarded the much-prized Lifeboat Institution's Gold Medal for conspicuous gallantry in rescuing the whole of the crew of the Grimsby trawler Saint Gurth which were driven ashore in gales.—(BWS).

## SOCIALIST PARTY MANIFESTO

CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central)—The headquarters of the Chinese National Socialist Party in Chungking has issued a manifesto emphatically denying that it supports Wang Ching-wei.

## SPEEDY EXPANSION OF PROGRAMME OF SHIPBUILDING WANTED: MINISTRY CRITICISED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON, MAR. 19 (REUTER)—THE SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING POSITION WAS REVIEWED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, yesterday, when Mr. E. Shawell, (Opposition Labour), in moving a motion criticising the Ministry of Shipping and demanding speedy expansion of the shipbuilding programme, declared that the Minister entered into agreements with neutral shipowners for the use of their vessels at rates much higher than were received by British shipowners.

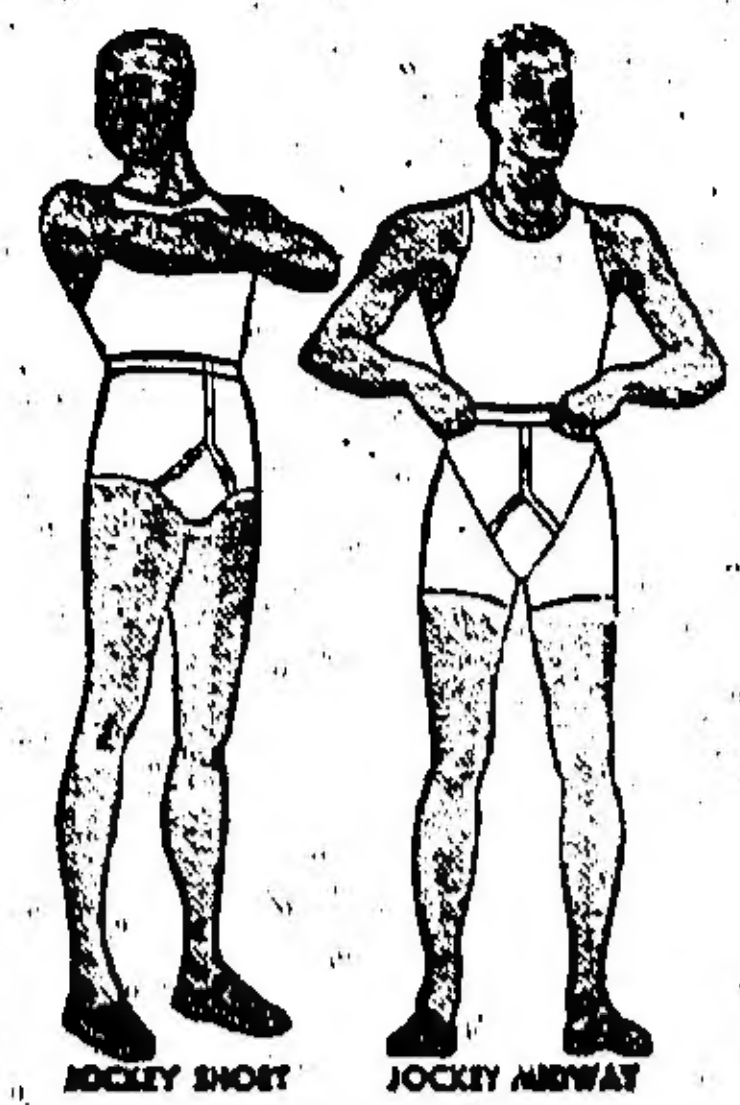
"It is rather alarming that we have lost more than 750,000 tons of merchant shipping in the first six months of the war—besides many vessels damaged," he said. There were at present over 16,000 men unemployed in the shipbuilding and ship repairing industries, as well as 20,000 engineers.

He understood that 70 per cent. of shipbuilding at present was on naval account, and suggested that the Admiralty should be requested to release as many skilled men as they could for the building of the merchant navy.

Sir J. Gilmour, Minister of Shipping, paid a tribute to the men of the mercantile marine and the fishermen and the very valuable contributions made by the Empire, particularly India.

He said that Government was satisfied that the agreements with neutral owners represented a reasonable bargain to the mutual advantage of both parties and that it was inevitable that the rates for neutrals should be higher than those for British ships, because in chartering neutrals, the Government were com-

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## Compensation For Workmen

### INCREASE IN SCALE OF PAYMENTS

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—An increase in workmen's compensation was announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

TEMPORARY SCHEME  
Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that Government proposed to supplement the compensation in the case of complete disablement by 5s. for the wife and 3s. for each child under 15 years of age.

There will also be an increase in the scale of cases of partial disablement.

It is a temporary scheme for meeting the cases of hardship before the Royal Commission now sitting to consider workmen's compensation.

## When World Peace Comes?

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter)—A World Peace Commission was suggested at question time in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Arthur Woodburn (Labour), who asked the Prime Minister whether the Government was prepared to set up a League Commission, at some suitable neutral place, to provide now an opportunity for a public investigation by all responsible for conditions of permanent world peace and for a judicial examination of the chief

economic, territorial and racial problems which made for war and to discover whether there were principles for a peaceful settlement of international disputes which could generally be accepted by all nations?

Mr. R. A. Butler, replying, said that Mr. Woodburn's ultimate aims were no doubt widely desired, but Lord Halifax was not convinced that the precise method he proposed would be the best in the circumstances.



# LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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## LONDON GAZETTE

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

## ADMIRALTY, FEBRUARY R.N.

Comdr. W. A. Whitaker placed on Retd. List (Jan. 9).  
Lieuts. to be Lieut.-Comdr. — J. G. Hopkins, J. G. S. Cunningham, The Lord Hugh T. de la B. Beresford, T. Emanuel, J. A. Burnett, J. G. B. Stratton, M. Bruce, R. M. E. Palm, J. D. Watson, J. W. S. Corbett, S. R. White, G. W. W. H. Palmer, A. F. P. Lewis, C. R. Williams, F. M. Griffiths, N. S. Henderson, R. T. Paul, C. E. R. Sharp, D. P. Dreyer, R. B. Washburn (Feb. 1).  
R.M.  
Capt. G. R. Hawkins to be Lt. Maj. (Mar. 1).

## FEBRUARY 27

R.M.

Col. Sec. Comdt. A. P. Dawson, (C.B.E., to be Col. Comdt. (Temp. Brig.) (Mar. 1); Col. Sec. Comdt. N. K. Jolley, O.B.E., apptd. Asst. Adjt.-Gen. Royal Marines (Mar. 1).

## FEBRUARY 22

R.M.

Lt.-Col. St. G. F. G. Caulfield to be Temp. Col. (Feb. 23).

## MARCH 1

R.N.

Comdr. N. D. B. Taylor placed on Retd. List with rank of Capt. (Jan. 21).

## MARCH 4

His Majesty The King having approved that in future Admirals of the Fleet shall be borne on the Active List of the Royal Navy for life, and that those on the Retired List shall be restored to the Active List, the following officers are replaced on the Active List of the Royal Navy, with their original seniorities as stated below:—Admirals of the Fleet:—Sir Henry, F. Oliver, G. C. B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O.; L.L.D. (Jan. 21, 1923); Sir Osmond de Beaulieu, Brock, G.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.C.L. (Oxon.) (July 31, 1929); Sir Roger J. B. Keyes, Bt., G.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O., L.L.D., D.C.L. (Oxon.), M.P. (Hon. Col. Comdt. R.M.) (May 8, 1930); Sir Frederick L. Field, G.C.B., K.C. M.G. (Jan. 21, 1933); Sir Reginald, Y. Tyrwhitt, Bt., G.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L. (Oxon.) (July 31, 1934).  
Supplement to the London Gazette of Tuesday, March 5:—

## WAR OFFICE, MARCH 5

R.E.

Reg. Army  
Maj.-Gen. P. C. S. Hobart, C. B., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C. retires on ret. pay (March 9); Col. F. Thornton is placed on the h.p. list (Jan. 15); Col. F. Thornton is retd. to full pay (Jan. 28).

The foll. appt. is made:—Lt. (act. Maj.-Gen.) L. W. Amps, C.B.E., to be a Dir. (Dec. 5, 1939).  
QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE:  
Sister Miss C. McShane resigns.

# HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR "BUSY BEES"

## Greater Efforts Called For As Result Of War

The annual general meeting of the 'Bees' was held at the residence of Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest, the Acting President, who kindly entertained members to tea, on Monday.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. B. E. Maughan, in presenting her report stated:—

'Before reviewing our activities for the past year, it would not, perhaps, be out of place to mention that 1939 completed the 10th year of the existence of the "Busy Bees," for it was in February, 1930, that Lady Southorn called together a small band of workers, the main object in view being to obtain by the results of their labours, funds for charitable distribution, particularly to further the work of St. Dunstan's.

It may not be generally known that Lady Southorn also founded a branch of the "Busy Bees" in The Gambia and in a recent message I was requested to convey her best wishes to all Hongkong "Bees."

'Since the inauguration of the Working Party, much has been achieved. In consequence of the war, greater efforts were called for, but members responded so readily, that I am happy to report that, not only have we been able to do our bit for the services, but we have achieved a greater success financially than has ever before been attained, so that during the year under review, we have indeed merited the name "Busy Bees."

## VALUED ASSISTANCE

We were unfortunate in losing the valued assistance of Mrs. N. L. Smith, our President, and Mrs. W. J. Carrie, Vice-President, who early in the year left for home. We are extremely grateful to Mrs. Forrest who has kindly acted during the President's absence and so willingly taken an active part in all our activities.

With reference to the year's work, I would particularly mention the eagerness with which many members and friends gave material help on behalf of the men on active service. The knitting needles were so quickly put to their use that we were able to make a useful contribution to the first parcel despatched to the B.W.O.F., and up to date you may be interested to know that our contribution has been:—148 scarves, 113 pairs of mittens, 62 pairs of socks, 56 pairs of hospital stockings, 25 pullovers, and 18 helmets, in addition to hospital supplies. In this connection, our thanks are due to the Hon. Mr. T. H. King for so kindly permitting

the use of the Recreation Room at the Fire Brigade Building for our sewing parties.

## NOT RELAXED

Busy as we have kept by this special work, our efforts on behalf of St. Dunstan's and other charities have not been relaxed. In addition to 10 bridge and mah jong drives held during the year, the sale of work and drive held at the Hongkong Hotel in October was a great success. Over 250 attended, our funds greatly benefited, and we are very grateful to Lady Northcote who so kindly attended and presented the prizes.

The work of the Personal Service League was not forgotten. Mrs. Carrie very kindly undertook to deliver the articles made by members for this service.

Turning to the statement of accounts, it will be seen that a balance of \$1,485.70 is available for distribution to charity. With such a small working party this is most gratifying and it would be invidious of me to attempt to make special mention of the work of any particular member. I would, however, express my very sincere thanks to all our friends who by their gifts of prizes and, in other ways, have so greatly assisted us in our efforts to attain such splendid results.

Finally, to Mrs. Forrest and all members I would say—"thank you"—for your loyal support which has contributed in no small measure to our success during the past year.

## MRS. MAUGHAN

The report and statement of accounts having been duly adopted, Mrs. Forrest said that in particular she had to mention the devoted work of the Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Maughan, who whilst confined to bed in hospital for over two months even then managed to keep her part of the work going.

## ALLOCATIONS

It was agreed to allocate the funds available for charity to:—  
St. Dunstan's ..... £50  
National Deaf and Blind ..... £10  
Helpers' League ..... £10  
Salvation Army ..... £200  
Pokfulam Blind Home ..... £100  
Balance to the Hongkong Benevolent Society.

# Automobile Association Annual Meeting

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The President continued, in part:—

The result of the year's working is gratifying and the increase of \$2,940.13 in the balance of cash on current account and in hand is satisfactory. Income from \$10 subscriptions shows an increase of \$1,770 over 1938 and was overshadowed in my predecessor's speech last year.

## SUNDRY REVENUE INCREASE

Sundry Revenue of \$687.21 shows a substantial increase over the previous year and is the result of an allowance of \$500 made by the Hongkong Jockey Club. As you are doubtless aware, this Association assists with parking arrangements, etc., at all Race Meetings and this allowance has been granted in return for our work. The balance of this item represents revenue from cocktail parties and dances. May I remind members that it is always possible to hire patrols to assist with parking arrangements at any private functions of this nature. The charge is very moderate.

Turning to the Payments side of the account, the increase of \$1,362.13 in Patrols' wages is apparent and is due to the fact that it was found necessary to engage four additional patrols to assist in controlling the increasing number of car parks which have been placed under our supervision by the Police.

During the past year, the Association became a member of The Eastern Touring Federation, which has its headquarters at Colombo.

## \$500 SAVED

Under the caption "Road Service Expenses," you will notice that no European Patrols' Allowances were paid in 1939. As suggested by the President at the last annual meeting, road service patrols were abolished. Your Committee felt that they were serving no useful purpose and the \$500 thus saved has gone towards meeting the increase in Patrols' Wages already referred to.

The situation in Europe, which culminated in the outbreak of war on September 3, has undoubtedly affected foreign touring. During the past year, however, 20 members were assisted with their tours, which covered Europe generally, Indo-China, South Africa, Java, Burma, Siam, Australia, Canada and the U.S.A.

Since 18th instant, we have taken control of parking arrangements opposite the Alhambra Theatre and Saigon Street in Kowloon; patrols will be on duty in these areas between 4.30 p.m. and midnight each day.

## TRAFFIC NOISES

The nuisance created by traffic noises in the business area has formed the subject of correspondence between the Hon. Commissioner of Police and the Association. Two suggestions were put forward by your Committee:—

That a 24-hour silent zone be instituted in the area bounded on the west by Pottinger Street, on the north by Connaught Road, on the east by Jackson Road and on the south by Queen's Road.

That a speed limit of 15 to 20 m.p.h. be instituted in the area Des Voeux Central between Pottinger Street and Ice House Street, throughout the entire length of Pedder Street, and in Chater Road between Pedder Street and Ice House Street.

It is obvious that the imposition of silence necessitates reduction of speed.

These suggestions were favourably received by the Hon. Commissioner of Police who, however, pointed out that several alterations would have to be made in the local Traffic Regulations to bring them into force.

The new Regulations are still under discussion but we hope the time is not far distant when the screaming of horns and the clanging of bells, etc., will be abolished from the business centre.

A 24-hour silent zone exists over the whole of the business section of Singapore and we are informed that it is working very smoothly.

I should like to express my appreciation of the assistance which we have received from the Police Department during the past year. I also wish to thank my Committee for their whole-hearted

and willing support during my term of office.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

The election of office bearers for the current year resulted as follows:—

President, Rev. G. E. S. Upsdell; Vice-President, Mr. B. Wong Tape; Committee, Messrs. L. C. F. Bellamy, C. C. Black, J. K. Bousfield, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., Messrs. J. D. Danby, B. D. Evans, M. H. Lo, Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., Messrs. W. R. Mansfield, D. L. Newbigging.

## TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT

Before the meeting terminated, Major Manners said that he would take the opportunity of thanking their past President, Mr. Justice Lindell, who was leaving the Colony shortly, after 30 years of service here. Mr. Lindell had been a member of the Association for 15 years and was President during the past year. Few had rendered such long and untiring service to the Colony. He hoped Mr. Lindell would enjoy his retirement at Home.

# SUCCESSFUL CHARITY DANCE

The Charity Dinner Dance in aid of the China War Relief Fund organized by the Wah Yan Past Student's Association at the Hotel Cecil on Saturday last was attended by over 200 people, and a considerable sum, the exact figure to be announced later, was realized for medical supplies to the war-torn areas.

In a brief welcoming speech, Mr. Ko Fook Son, President of the Association, thanked Sir Shouson Chow, K.T., C. M. G. and the V. Rev. R. W. Gallagher, S. J., P. D. for consenting to be patrons, the guests for their generous support, the artists, the management of the Hotel and the Finance Subcommittee for their untiring efforts in contributing towards the success of the function.

Mrs. Percy Chen received much applause for her swan dance, while Miss Eric Yuen, Mrs. Steinachneider, Mr. Wu Pak Chau, Mrs. J. Green and Mr. Oswald Lyon contributed vocal and musical items. Mr. Chan Sing Toa acted as an excellent master of ceremonies.



THOSE WHO KNOW, SAY IT'S THE SCOTCH.

# MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LATE DR. TSAI

A memorial service for the late Dr. Tsai Yuan-pai, President of the Academia Sinica who died here on March 5, will be held at the University of Hongkong on March 24 simultaneously with services in other parts of China.

The committee for the service will include Gen. Hsu Chung-chin, Gen. Wu Te-chen, Sir Robert Kote-wall, Mr. Yeh Kung-chao, Mr. Sung Han-chang, Mr. Chang I-ling, Mr. Wang Yun-wu and Prof. Hsu Tishan.

# MORE SOVIET HELP FOR CHINA NOW

SHUUKWAN, Mar. 18 (Int'l).—More substantial Soviet support to China is forthcoming, now that Russia has ended the war in Finland, according to reliable reports reaching here.

Japanese troops in Central and North China are being dispatched to Heilungkiang in north-eastern Manchukuo in view of the Szechuan border clashes and the general worsening of Soviet-Japanese relations.

# INFORMATION ON NORTH CHINA FLOOD OF 1939 WANTED

The Chinese Society of Hydraulic Engineers desires to collect the following information regarding the flood of 1939 in North China:

1. Cause of the flood; 2. Districts and areas inundated at the highest stage of flood; 3. Information regarding breach of dykes, such as date of the rupture, location and dimensions of crevasse and percentage of total discharge passing through it, etc.; 4. Damage to dykes; 5. Descriptions of drainage of flood water, such as course taken by the flood, flow, date of which the inundated land was dried out, etc.; 6. Details of any change in river channels, lakes, etc.; 7. Estimate of losses; 8. Suggestions for remedial measures, etc.

Any such information either in the form of a public report or personal record, will be gratefully received, and paid for, if so requested.

Please address: The Chinese Society of Hydraulic Engineers, c/o The Chinese Institute of Engineers, P.O. Box No. 184, Hongkong.

# CHINA BRANCH OF I.P.C. TO ATTEND INDIA NATIONAL CONGRESS

CHUNGKING, Mar. 18 (Int'l).—The India National Congress, which is to meet at Ranchi, in Bihar Province, from Mar. 19 to 21, has invited the China Branch of the International Peace Campaign to attend the meeting. Several representatives left here early last week for that party.

It will be recalled that at its last annual session the Congress called on the India people to join in a movement of boycott against Japanese goods as long as the war of aggression on China continues. This Congress was also responsible for the despatch of a medical corps to China shortly after the outbreak of hostilities two years ago.

# WEDDING AT REGISTRY

The wedding took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, of Dr. Lu Kwan-chuan, Assistant Resident Surgeon, of the Peiping Union Medical College, residing now at No. 12, Tsing Fung Street, and Miss Tsao Ching-hua, Assistant Head Nurse, of the same College, of No. 1, King's Terrace, Kowloon. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Lu Pak-kwan, officer of the Hongkong Fire Brigade, and Miss Tsao Chi-leung, residing at No. 338, Des Voeux Road West.

## MEMORANDA

Lt.-Col. R. M. Grazebrook, O.B.E., M.C. (late Gloucester R.) h.p. list is retd. to full pay whilst spec. emp'd. (Dec. 28, 1939).

# CORRESPONDENCE CROSSWORD HEADACHE

The Editor, Hongkong Daily Press

Sir,—We are delighted to say that we are devout readers of your esteemed paper, particularly taking a keen interest in the Cross-word "Puzzle" which, we should think, is the main reason why we are included to read your paper.

Though our horizon of knowledge is not broad enough, we find it easy to deal with the simple puzzles which interest us to the fullest extent. Recently, to our greatest disappointment, we came across such difficult and abstruse puzzles set by you during the past few days that we had to stand at our wit's end, being unable to get through even half of it. As this kind of puzzles involves a very wide knowledge of history, geography, and common sense, we dare say that it is beyond the ability of an average person so much so that we see no reason why you insist on setting these difficult ones.

Standing on this viewpoint and on the grounds that there is no prize for the solution whatsoever, we deem it our privilege to tender our request for the resumption of the simple cross-word puzzles which, apart from providing interest to the public in general, may result in the multiplication of the circulation of your valued paper.

Thanking you for your well-favoured attention to this matter, and hoping for your compliance with our request,

We are,

Yours truly,

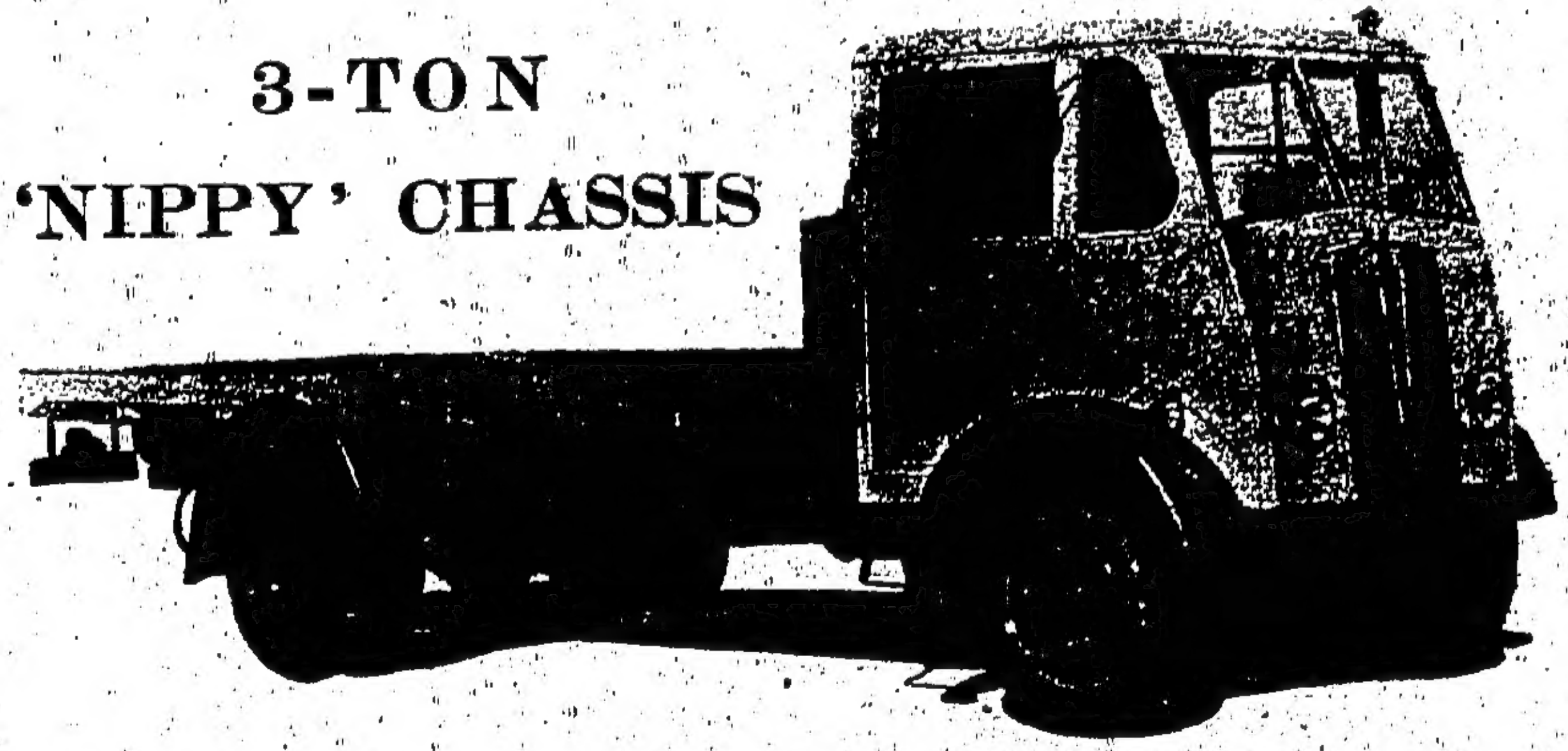
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P.S. In order that a consensus of opinions may be obtained, may we suggested that this letter be published in the correspondence

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# FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MARCH 19, 1940

On London:—  
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 35/32  
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 35/32  
Credits 4 months sight 1/3 33/32

On Shanghai:—  
On demand 350  
On Singapore:—  
On demand 52 3/8  
On Japan:—  
On demand 98  
On India:—  
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 32  
and demand 1/2 32

On New York:—  
Bank Bills, on demand 23 1/8  
Credits, 60 days sight 24  
On Batavia:—  
On demand 43  
On Hongkong:—  
On demand 150 1/2  
On Sterling Notes:—  
Bank Buying Rate 1/3 31/32  
Bar Silver per oz. 30 13/16

### Market Report

#### FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices dropped 1/6 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 20 13/16 for Ready and Forward. Silver prices reported India as having bought and Speculators as having sold. The market was steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 377 3/4.

**Market**  
Quiet and without business.

**Sterling**  
Sellers at 1/2 27/32 March/June, buyers at 1/2 27/8 Cash.

U. S. Dollars  
Were available at the rate of 23 5/16 for March during the early part of the morning, buyers bidding 23 7/16. The market was a shade easier at the close at 1 p.m. with sellers at 23 1/4 March and 23 3/16 April, buyers at 23 3/8 and probably 23 5/16 March.

**Shanghai Dollars**  
357 1/2.

**Shanghai Market**  
Sterling 4 1/8 and U.S. Dollars 6 1/2 both sellers for Spot.

**AFTERNOON MARKET**  
The market was idle in the afternoon.

**Sterling**  
The market closed with sellers at 1/2 27/32 March/June, buyers at 1/2 27/8 Cash.

U. S. Dollars  
The market closed with probable sellers at 23 1/4 March and 23 3/16 April, buyers at 23 5/16 Cash and 23 1/4 April.

**Shanghai Dollars**  
Sellers at 358.

**Shanghai Market**  
Sterling sellers for Spot at 4 9/8 and U.S. Dollars.

**Shanghai Exchange**  
Shanghai, Mar. 19 (Reuters).

**Official T.T. Rates**

London	0/4
New York	6-3/16
Japan	28-1/4
India	22-1/8
Paris	2 3/4
Hongkong	26-3/4

**Sellers**  
Opening Closing  
Spot 0/4-9/8 0/4-9/8  
Mar. 0/4-1/8 0/4-1/8  
April 0/4-5/8 0/4-1/8

**U.S. Dollars**  
Spot \$8-1/2 \$8-1/2  
Mar. 6-15/32 6-15/32  
April 6-3/8 6-11/32  
Market: Quiet

**Merchant Rates**  
Sterling 0/4-1/8  
U.S. Dollars \$8-1/2

**Silver Duty Rate**  
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d

The Equalisation rate was 9-1/2 per cent.

**Calcutta Exchange**  
Calcutta, Mar. 18 (Reuters).  
T.T. on Japan 84-5/8.

**New York Exchange**  
New York, Mar. 18 (Reuters).  
T.T. on London (Opening Rate) 376-3/4.

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### COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, MARCH 18, 1940.

	Previous	March 18	
	Closing	Opening	Closing
S P O T	37-1/4	37-1/8	37-1/4
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/4	36 cts.	36-1/4
JULY-SEPT.	35 cts.	34-3/4	35 cts.

The market was steady but quiet.

**LONDON RUBBER**

	Previous close	Today's close	Change
	Buyers	Buyers	
S P O T	11-1/8	11-1/8	off 1/8
APRIL	11-1/8	11-1/8	off 1/8
MAY	11-1/8	11	off 1/8
JUNE	11-1/8	11	off 1/8
JULY-SEPT.	11	10-15/16	off 1/16
OCT-DEC.	10-15/16	10-7/8	off 1/16

After ruling uncertain, the market closed steady.

**NEW YORK COTTON:** The market developed remarkable absorptive powers. Liverpool, Bombay and domestic long interests sold actively, but offerings were well taken.

**NEW YORK HIDES:** There was some small 'Spot' sales at concessions. The market was quiet but steady.

**CHICAGO WHEAT:** Pressure was light on continued dry weather in the South-West. The European political situation is being watched closely.

**NEW YORK STOCKS:** Previous close, 145.76; Today's close, 145.59; Change, off .17.

### NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.48	10.40	10.52	.05 off
New York Rubber, May	18.17	18.07	18.08 1/2	.08 up
Chicago Wheat, May	102	100 1/2	101 1/2	1 off
Chicago Corn, May	55 1/2	55 1/4	55 1/2	unch.
New York Hides, June	13.62	13.42	13.60	.01 off

**NEW YORK COTTON** Close Opening Closing Change

May	10.52/52	10.45/43	10.47/48	.05 off
July	10.29/29	10.23/23	10.27/27	.02 off
October	10.43 N	10.33/33	10.41 N	.02 off
December	9.70/70	9.60/61	9.65/65	.05 off
January	9.56/56	9.47/48	9.51/51	.05 off
Spot	9.51 N	9.38/38	9.46 N	.05 off
Spot	10.77 N		10.72 N	.05 off

Total sales Saturday—41,900 bales.

First notice day for cotton—1/5/40 and last day 22/5/40.

**NEW YORK RUBBER**

March	18.20b/25a	18.25b/29a	.05 up
May	18.08b/10a	18.14/15	.06 up
July	17.98/98	18.02b/04a	.04 up
September	17.90/90	17.89/89	.05 up
December	17.75/75	17.81/81	.06 up

Total sales—930 tons.

Last trading day—27/3/40.

**CHICAGO WHEAT**

May	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	1 off
July	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1 off
September	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	1 off

Saturday's sales—18,036,000 bushels.

**CHICAGO CORN**

May	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	unch.
July	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	unch.
September	57/57		57/57	unch.

**WINNIPEG WHEAT**

May	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	1 off
July	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	1 off
October	90 1/2		90 1/2	1 off

**NEW YORK HIDES**

June	13.60/61	13.50/44	13.59/59	.01 off
September	13.85/87	13.70/75	13.83/83	.02 off
New York, Official	unquoted		34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	3.73-1/2		3.77-3/4	

### SILVER MARKET

**LONDON SILVER**  
London, Mar. 18 (Reuters).  
Silver—Speculators sold. Little Indian buying. Business small. Market quiet. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot: 20-13/16d.  
Forward: 20-13/16d.

**NEW YORK SILVER**  
New York, Mar. 18 (Reuters).  
Silver, Official, 34-3/4.

**BOMBAY SILVER**  
Bombay, Mar. 18 (Reuters).  
Market—Barely steady. Offtake 50 bars.

**Indian Mint Silver**  
Ready 58-04  
Apr. 3 Settlement 58-04  
May 1 Settlement 58-08

### LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Mar. 18 (Reuters).  
TIN  
Standard, Cash 245 245-1/2  
Standard, 3 months 240 240-1/2  
Standard, Settlement Price 248-1/4  
Straits 273-1/2

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

### QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
	Mar. 18		Mar. 18
Adams Express	7 1/2	Lakey Foundry & Mac	4*
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glas	48 1/2
Allied Stores	7 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	27 1/2
Allis Chalmers	36	Loew's Inc.	36 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	99	Loft Incorporated	28 1/2
Amer. Can.	113 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	24 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	37	Martin, Glen L.	39 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	11	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	24 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	22*	Monsanto Chemical	108 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	23 1/2	Montgomery Ward	52 1/2
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2	National Aviation	11 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	18 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	48	Nat. Distillers	24 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	19	National Gypsum	10 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	17 1/2	National Lead	20 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	88 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2
Anaconda Copper	27 1/2	National Steel Corp.	65
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	21 1/2	National Supply Corp.	8 1/2
Auburn Motors	11	New York Central	15 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	4 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	5
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2	N. American Aviation	20 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	11 1/2	North American Co.	20 1/2
Bendix Aviation	31 1/2	Northern Pacific	7 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	72 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	60 1/2
Bliss & Co.	12 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	19 1/2	Pacific Lighting	48 1/2
Borg-Warner	21 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	10 1/2	Pan-American Airways	19
Briggs Mfg.	20 1/2	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2
Brooklyn-M'hattan Trans.	22 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	21 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan S.	85 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	35 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	5 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2
Case, J.I.	67*	Pittsburg Coke & Iron	7
Celanese	28 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	41 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	39	Pullman Inc.	26 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	84 1/2	Pure Oil	9 1/2
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	38	Radio Corp. of Am.	6 1/2
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	71 1/2	Reading Company, 1st pfd	15*
Columbia Gas & Elec.	5 1/2	Reading Company, Com	24 1/2
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	88 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	31 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1	Republic Steel	18 1/2
Consolidated Edison	31	Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	12 1/2
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	41 1/2
Continental Can	45 1/2	Richfield Oil	8 1/2
Continental Oil	22 1/2	Safeway Stores	50
Copperweld Steel	15 1/2	Schenley Distillers	12 1/2
Corn Products	59 1/2	Sears Roebuck	83 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	31 1/2	Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Deere & Co.	21	Socomy-Vacuum Oil	11 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19	Southern Pacific	12
Douglas Aircraft	79 1/2	Southern Ry \$5 pfd.	28
Du Pont de Nemours	185 1/2	Sperry	41
Eagle Picher Lead	104*	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	33
Eaton Mfg. Co.	32	Standard Brands	7
Elec. Autolite	37 1/2	Stand. Gas & Elec.	11 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	54	Standard Oil of California	22 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	57 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	43 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	67 1/2	Stone & Webster	94
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	27	Studebaker Com.	10 1/2
Flintkote	15 1/2	Swift International	29 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	61*	Technicolor	14 1/2
Gen. Electric	—	Texas Corp.	44 1/2
Gen. Motors	—	Texas Gulf Sulphur	33 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	—	Timken-Axle	21 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	19	Trans-America Co.	6 1/2
Gildden Co.	17	20th Cent. Fox	12 1/2
Goodrich (S.F.)	18 1/2	20th Cent. Fox \$1 1/2 pf.	22 1/2
Goodrich \$5 pf.	67	Union Carbide & Carbon	82 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	—	Union Pacific	95
Great Northern Iron Ore	—	United Aircraft	44 1/2
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	—	United Airlines Trans.	18 1/2
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	1939/40	Mar. 18, 1940	Change
High	153.92	148.18	145.08
Low	131.41	145.08	145.59
Dow Jones Average	145.76	145.08	.68 up
Industrial	29.78	29.89	.11 up
Rails	24.78	24.11	23.94
Utilities	24.02	24.11	24.04
Bonds	88.90	88.78	.12 up
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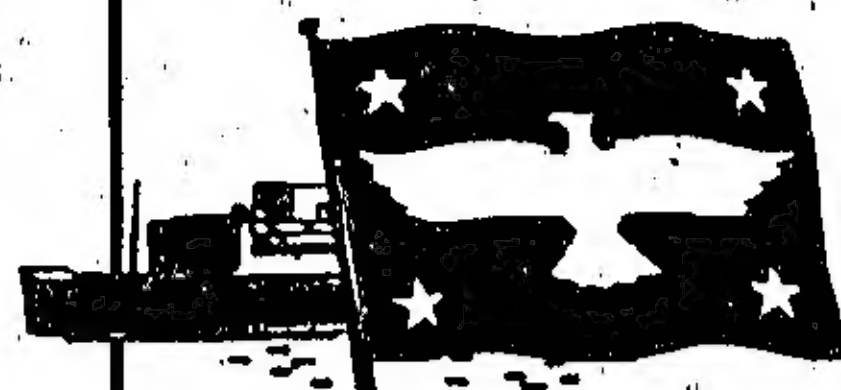
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## Co-operation In Colonial War Efforts

### BRITISH & FRENCH PLANS

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—The Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, and M. Mandel met again yesterday in Paris and decided that the British Colonial Office and the French Ministry for Colonies should henceforward keep in constant touch and that an organisation should be created both in London and Paris to maintain permanent liaison between the two departments.

### FREQUENT CONFERENCES

There will be conferences from time to time between the Governors of the neighbouring British and French colonial territories.

This contact will also be established between the Administrative and Specialist officers of the territories.

Regarding prosecution of the war in the economic field the Ministers agreed to examine the possibility of framing a co-ordinating programme of production and marketing various colonial products with the object of making the fullest possible use of their joint resources.

### EXPERTS TO MEET

French and British experts will be meeting very shortly for this purpose.

### SAILORS FROM GRAF SPEE

BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 19 (Reuters).—The first contingent of 100 sailors from the scuttled Graf Spee left for internment at Mendoza. The remainder will be sent to other provinces.

### WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., March 19.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.94 ins.

Temperature, 60 F.

Humidity, 94 per cent.

Wind Direction E.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature: maximum yesterday 58 F.

Temperature: minimum last night 57 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs., ending 10 a.m. today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st 7.66 ins.

Against an average of 4.39 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.34 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.28 a.m.

4 p.m., March 19.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.87 ins.

Temperature, 61 F.

Humidity, 94 per cent.

Wind Direction, CALM.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 0.

Maximum temperature, 62 F.

Minimum temperature, 57 F.

Rainfall, 0.04.

### HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 20 to 23 Mar. 1940.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Day of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed.	20	h. m.	ft. in.
		07 23	4.4
		18 20	6.6
Thurs.	21	07 54	4.8
		19 22	8.9
		08 30	5.3
Fri.	22	20 24	7.0
		09 04	6.8
Sat.	23	21 19	7.0
		09 40	8.1
Sun.	24	22 10	8.7
		10 15	8.8
Mon.	25	23 0	8.4
		10 52	8.6
Tues.	26	23 53	5.9
		17 10	1.1

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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 24th April, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damage dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th, March, 1940, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by W. R. LOXLEY & Co. (CHINA) Ltd. Agents.

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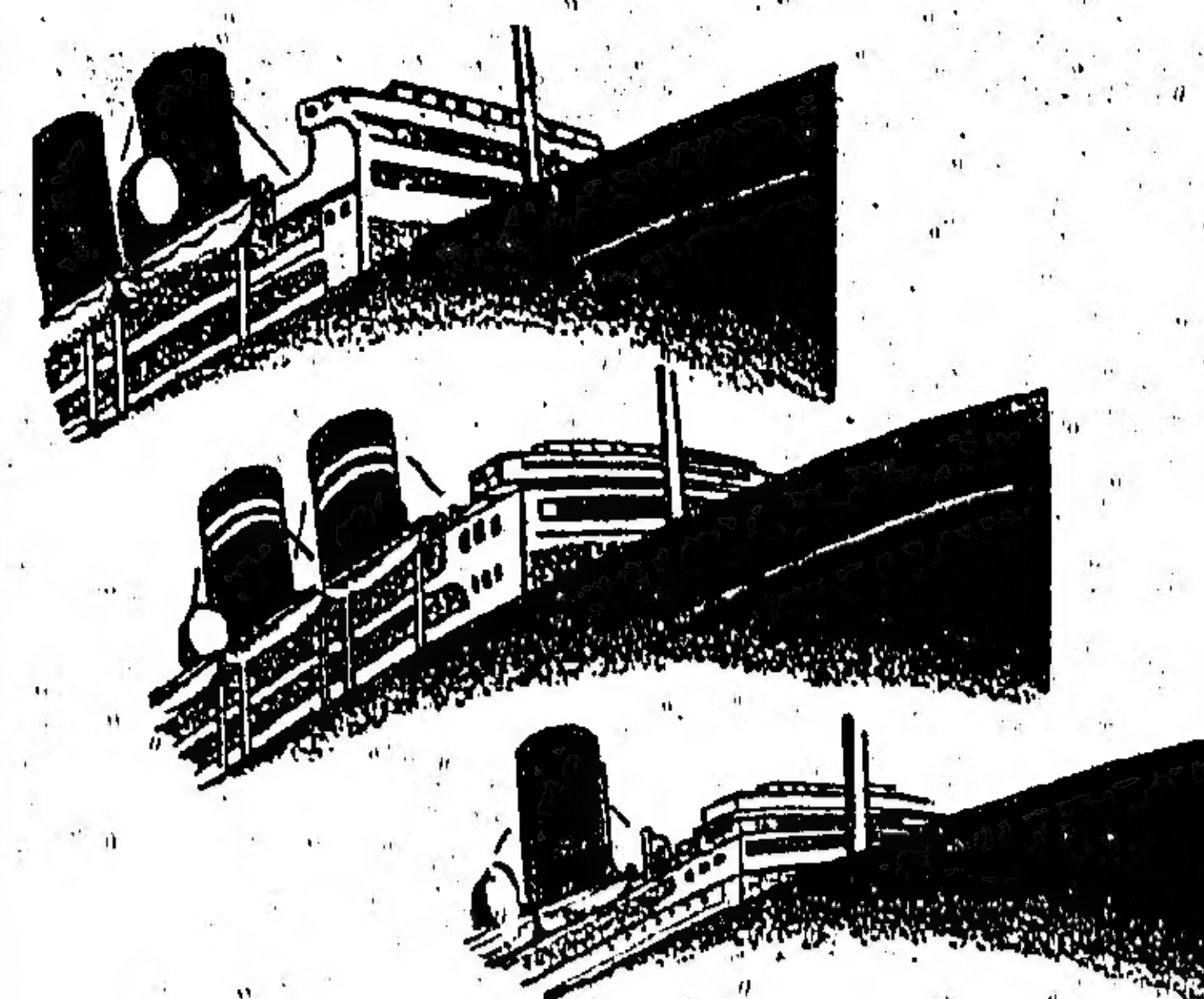
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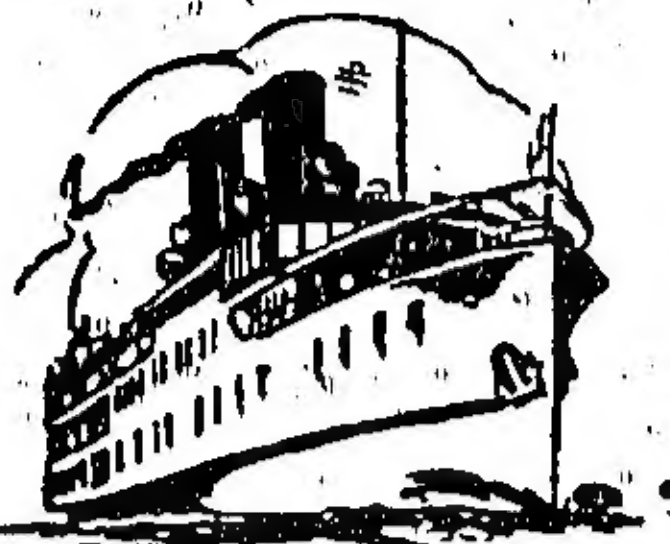
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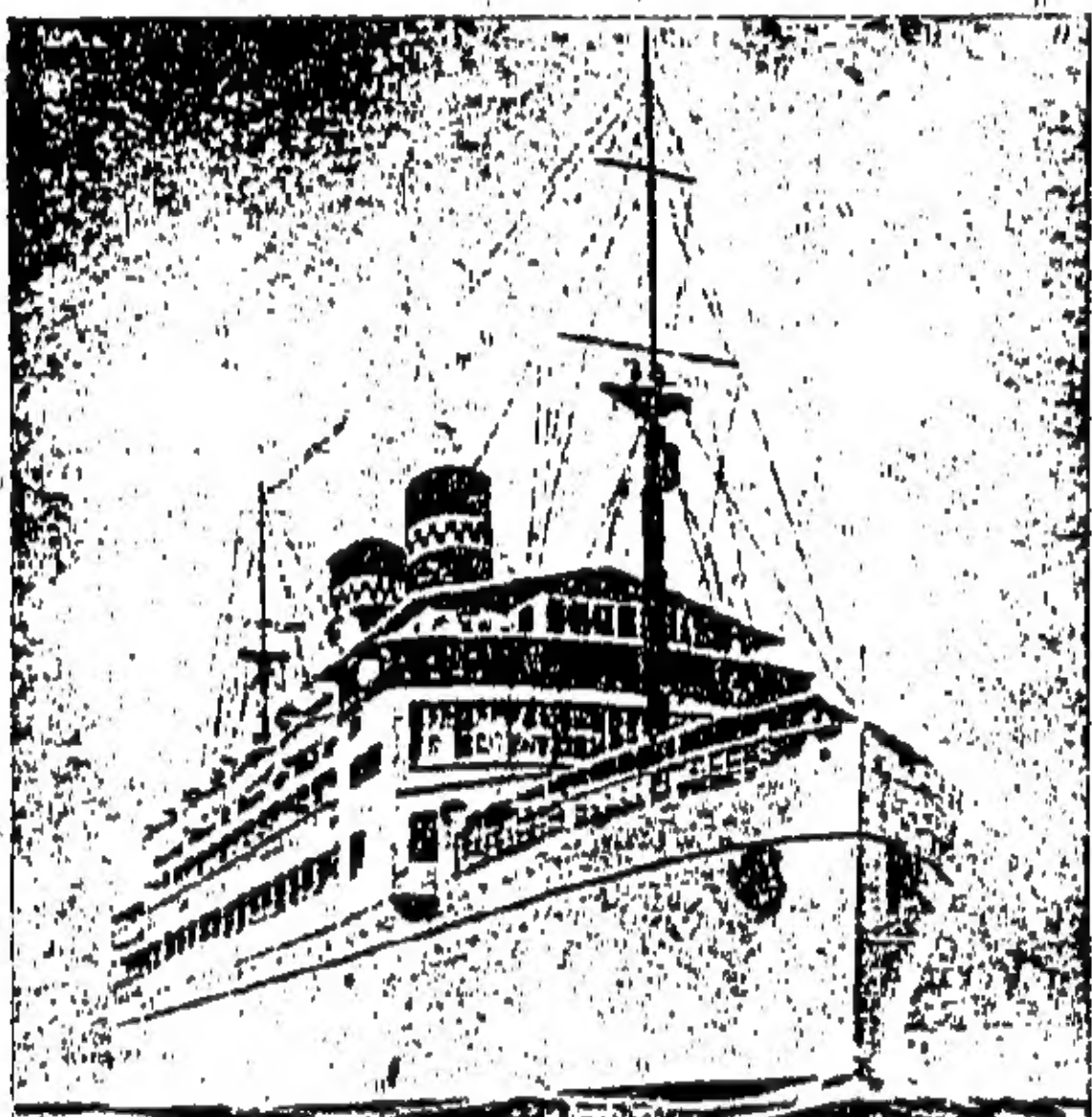


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**WAR STATEMENT BY  
MR. CHAMBERLAIN**

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help from friendly neutrals must, therefore, be weighted in the balance against Britain's own needs.

Much as they desired to give Finland all she asked they had always to bear in mind that, whatever they gave, it was at the expense of their own strength and at the risk of their own people.

He emphasised that Finland's geographical position in relation to Britain was such that supplies had to traverse the North Sea dangers, pass through two other countries along a railway, already seriously overloaded, and then go long distances through Finland by railway which was never meant to carry such loads.

The difficulties were formidable but, nevertheless, the appeal from Finland did not remain unanswered and every request, from Finland, was considered promptly.

Mr. Chamberlain added that Britain did not hesitate, even at the risk of themselves, to meet the Finnish needs as far as was possible.

Turning to the question of men, the Prime Minister said that in the middle of January their representative was informed by Field-Marshal Mannerheim that he did not require men as his resources were sufficient to last until the thaw came. He did say he would be glad to have some 30,000 men in May but he stipulated they should be trained soldiers.

**SWEDEN NERVOUS**

At the same time, they were given to understand that Finland and Sweden were nervous about the reaction upon Germany and both hoped that any forces sent would not be sent officially. Having examined the situation, the British Cabinet was satisfied that an effective force for aiding Finland was not possible on the volunteer basis and that the force required by May would only be available if raised on an official basis as a properly organised expedition.

Plans were prepared, discussed and approved at a meeting of the Supreme War Council on February 5. Preparations for the expedition were carried on with all rapidity and at the beginning of March, a British and French expeditionary force of 100,000 men were ready to leave two months before Field-Marshal Mannerheim had asked for it to arrive.

**TWO FACTORS**

In constructions plans for the expedition there were two overriding factors.

Firstly, no effective expedition could arrive in Finland except by passing through Norway and Sweden. Therefore, before it was despatch it was necessary to obtain the assent of those two Governments. It did not take much imagination to conceive what was the attitude of Germany.

"We know now that as soon as she heard the rumour of such a force passing through the two countries she threatened Norway and Sweden with her intervention if they gave their assent. We felt we must be ready also to provide a force to come to the assistance of Sweden in defending herself if she should be attacked by Germany. If the two Governments gave their assent, transport facilities in Norway and Sweden placed a limit on the size of the force. In these circumstances we decided to provide the largest force which would be permitted by physical conditions that we had to economise. Part of the force would be required for assistance to Sweden, part would be the expeditionary force to help Finland and additional troops would be required to maintain a long line of communication."

**SIZE OF FORCE**

The size of the force arrived at, on that basis, was about 100,000 men. It was suggested that Finland should make a public appeal for assistance not later than Mar. 5. "After that public appeal, we proposed ourselves to make a formal appeal to the Governments of Norway and Sweden to allow passage of the expeditionary force and we hoped that the result of the appeal from Finland would be that the two Governments concerned would not stand in the way. The Finns approached the Swedish Government informally but the Swedish Government could not agree to the passage of regular armed forces.

"That was very discouraging news for us but we did not discontinue our preparations for the despatch of this force. We hoped

Sweden and Norway might change their minds.

**NO DECISION**

In the end the date the Finns fixed for their decision to appeal for men passed without any decision. On the next day they heard that peace terms had been accepted. It was not for them to criticise the Finns. People who had put up such a fight as they had must be immune from all criticism.

Mr. Chamberlain said he wished to make it absolutely clear that they recognised all through that the Finns had the right to make their own decision in the light of facts as known to them. Britain ought to accept that decision whether they would have preferred another, or not. Except for Field-marshal Mannerheim's request for 30,000 men in May no request of any sort for land forces was made by the Finns.

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that if Norway and Sweden had given them passage the British and French expeditionary force could have arrived in Finland long before the date asked for.

**GERMANY RESPONSIBILITY**

"I say without hesitation neither Britain nor France have to reproach themselves for their action throughout this affair (cheers) but what about Germany's responsibility for this Finnish war stands squarely and solely on the shoulders of Germany," he added.

Mr. Chamberlain then doubted whether the security of Norway and Sweden had been preserved. On the contrary danger had been brought closer than ever to those two countries. Today it stood upon their doorstep and they were bound to feel some sympathy for the position of those two countries. They thought they stood far enough outside the centre of disturbance not to suffer the fate of Czechoslovakia and Poland.

"I am bound to point out that this doctrine of neutrality, which paralysed the action of Norway and Sweden was based on the assumption that anything was better for a small neutral country than to be involved in the war between Germany and the Allies. That, in turn, was based upon another assumption that it was a matter of indifference to those small neutral States whether the war ended in victory for Germany or the Allies. Until these assumptions are abandoned (cheers), and necessary deductions are drawn from that abandonment, the policy of those small neutral States will neither correspond to realities, nor will it be adequate to safeguard their own interests. Nothing will, or can, save them but the determination to defend themselves and join with others who are ready to aid them in their defences."

**ANNUAL MEETING  
OF H.K.L.B.A.  
ON MARCH 29**

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association will be held on March 29.

This was decided at a meeting of the Council of the Association held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post yesterday evening. Dr. J. T. Smalley, President, being in the chair.

Mr. L. A. Gutierrez, Hon. Treasurer, reported a profit on last year's working of \$308 compared with \$181 in the previous year.

A letter from Mr. B. W. Bradbury suggested that there should be seeding of players in the championships and it was decided that the recommendation be brought before the annual meeting.

It was also proposed that the League be maintained and that a donation of \$50 be made to the Children's Playground Association.

**A.R.P. Daily  
Expenditure  
£300,000**

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—Asked in the House of Commons how much of £1,000,000 is being spent daily on air raid precautions and evacuation, Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that the current daily rate of expenditure on air raid precautions and evacuation averaged nearly £300,000 and £238,000, respectively. The scale of air precautionary measures was constantly under review in the light of existing circumstances.

**Puppet's  
Extraordinary  
Outburst  
Against U.S.**

NANKING, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—A bitter criticism of America's attitude towards Wang Ching-wei was made by Tang Leang-li, Vice-Minister for Publicity of the "Reformed Government" in an interview reported by the pro-Wang Ching-wei News Agency.

Alleging that a "calculated campaign of slander has been, and is being carried by a large section of the American press both in America and China—in China with the most incredible connivance of the American authorities—against Wang Ching-wei and against the cause of peace which he represents," Tang said:

"This antagonism has not shown itself in the press alone, but also reveals itself in the extraordinary behaviour of American diplomats."

"I attacked, we will retaliate, not to beg for mercy, and offer the other cheek. That is the reason of our wrongly-called anti-American campaign," he asserted.

In Europe, American envoys have canvassed enmity against Wang Ching-wei's forthcoming "Central Government" for no other apparent reason than because it is working for the interests of China and her people and refused to imitate Chungking in subordinating those interests, and the interests of the United States, and other imperialistic countries.

**TROTS OFF TO CHUNGKING**

In China, the Minister continued, the American Ambassador, although his residence is within the territories of the forthcoming "Central Government," he habitually trots off to Chungking supporting that regime officially and protecting all those carrying on seditious activities in the foreign settlement of Shanghai.

Tang Leang-li went on to say that Wang Ching-wei was just as desirous of maintaining friendly relations with the United States, as he was with other countries, but that friendship to be sincere and lasting had to be based on equality, reciprocity and mutual respect.

"We shall meet friendship with friendship and hostility with hostility," he concluded, "unless, of course, we have to bow before force majeure."

He gave as an instance the unwanted and unnecessary foreign troops which "enabled certain foreigners and also a number of Chinese renegades to carry on seditious activities directed against legitimate territorial sovereignty in a manner not dreamt of in other countries."

**TWO MORE DESEET WANG**

CHUNGKING, Mar. 19 (Central).—Two more erstwhile followers of Wang Ching-wei have deserted him and are on their way to Chungking to seek the Government's pardon, according to a despatch from Shanghai.

They are Chow Yao-shan, former dean of the Kwang Hsia Middle School, and Tang Tseng-yang, former principal of the Ming Kwang Middle School, both of Shanghai.

Chow was stated by Wang Ching-wei to be director of education of the bogus Nanking city government, and Tang the director of the civil department of the bogus Chekiang Provincial Government under Wang's puppet regime.

Chow and Tang sent a joint letter to Wang Ching-wei before their departure from Shanghai, condemning him for selling out his country under the cloak of his "peace movement."

**BADMINTON  
RESULTS**

Matches in the Colony Badminton Championships last night were played, with the following results:—

Mixed Doubles: At Talkoo, H. Eardley and Miss Decima Eardley beat D. Kwok and Mrs. Wilson, 15-12, 15-9.  
Men's Junior Singles: At Talkoo, N. L. Smith beat K. L. Lui, 15-0, 15-11.  
Men's Doubles: At Talkoo, M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira beat A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, 15-11, 15-9.  
At King's College, C. Ap and P. H. Wong beat R. Marques and H. F. Goncalves, 15-7, 15-2.

**C.M.S. MISSIONARY'S  
DEATH**

LONDON, Mar. 19 (Reuter).—The death occurred at Guildford of Mr. Hugh Stowell Phillips, C.M.S. Missionary in Kienning.

**FOREIGN MAILS**

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 20th MARCH, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

On Friday, the 22nd March the General Post Office and all Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays.

On Saturday, the 23rd March and Monday the 25th March, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence each day at noon. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. on 23rd and 25th March.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

**INWARD MAILS**

From	Due
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 13th March	20th Mar.
Shanghai	20th Mar.
Formosa, Amoy and Swatow	20th Mar.
Manila	20th Mar.
Bangkok and Saigon	20th Mar.
Straits	20th Mar.
Amoy	21st Mar.
Saigon	21st Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	21st Mar.
Australia and Manila	21st Mar.
Canton	21st Mar.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 13th March	22nd Mar.
Haiphong, Hoihow & Fort Bayard	22nd Mar.
Canton	22nd Mar.
Haiphong	22nd Mar.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 14th February)	22nd Mar.
Sandakan	22nd Mar.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 12th March	23rd Mar.
Shanghai	23rd Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	23rd Mar.
Rabaul and Manila	23rd Mar.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th March	24th Mar.
Canton	24th Mar.
Straits and Palembang	24th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	24th Mar.
Haiphong and Hoihow	24th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Mar.
Manila	24th Mar.
Japan	24th Mar.
Shanghai	24th Mar.
Haiphong	24th Mar.
Java and Manila	24th Mar.
Shanghai	24th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Mar.
Shanghai	24th Mar.
U.S.A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 28th Feb.)	24th Mar.
Japan	24th Mar.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 5th March)	24th Mar.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 20th February)	24th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Mar.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	24th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Mar.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	24th Mar.
Japan	24th Mar.
Sandakan	24th Mar.
Shanghai	24th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	24th Mar.
Shanghai	24th Mar.
Straits and Manila	24th Mar.
Australia and Manila	24th Mar.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	24th Mar.
Java and Manila	24th Mar.
Japan	24th Mar.

**OUTWARD MAILS**

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Batavia and Sourabaya	Wed. 20th 8.30 AM
Canton	10.30 AM
	Parcels 11.00 AM
	Ord. Noon
Straits and Calcutta	2.00 PM
Haiphong	3.30 PM
Shanghai	E.P.O. 3.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe Via Marseilles—due Marseilles 20th April and London—due London 28th April	G.P.O. 3.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 28th March	G.P.O. 5.00 PM
Shanghai	Reg. 7.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
Canton	Thu. 21st 7.15 AM
Japan	1.30 PM
Amoy	2.30 PM
Swatow and Shanghai	2.30 PM
Fort Bayard	3.30 PM
Amoy	7.00 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Manila	Fri. 22nd 9.00 AM
Shanghai	9.00 AM

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